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TWENTY-SECOND CONVENTION

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GENERAL SYNOD.

FIRST DAY.—FIRST SESSION.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA,
THURSDAY, May 17th, 1866.

According to the last adjournment of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, the delegates of the several District Synods assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., May 17th, 1866, at the church in charge of Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff, in the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana, to constitute the twenty-second convention of said body. The President, Rev. Prof. Samuel Sprecher, D.D., preached the opening sermon, from 1 Thes. v. 19, 20, 21: "Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

Public worship being concluded, the convention was called to order by the President. Prayer was offered by Rev. Prof. S. S. Schmucker, D.D. In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. M. Sheeleigh was called to act as Secretary *pro tempore*. Rev. J. H. Heck was appointed Assistant Secretary.

RECEPTION OF DELEGATES.

The roll of Synods was next called, whereupon the respective delegations proceeded to present their certificates of election, and to take their seats as members of the Synod.

DECISION OF CHAIR CONCERNING PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

When the first eleven Synods had responded, the President decided as follows in reference to the Synod of Pennsylvania: The Chair regards the act of delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod, by which they severed their practical relations with the General Synod, and withdrew from the partnership of the Synods in the governing functions of the General Synod, as the act of the Synod of Pennsylvania, and that consequently that Synod was out of practical union with the General Synod up to the adjournment of the last convention, and as we cannot know officially what the action of that Synod has been since, she must be considered as in that state of practical withdrawal from the governing functions of the General Synod, until the General Synod can receive a report of an act restoring her practical relations to the General Synod; and as no such report can be received until said Synod is organized, the Chair cannot know any paper offered at this stage of the proceedings of the Synod as a certificate of delegation to this body.

When the hour of 12 had arrived, the Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D.

FIRST DAY.—SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 17th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled at the appointed hour. Prayer by Rev. R. Neumann.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

RECEPTION OF DELEGATES CONTINUED.

The calling of Synods and the reception of certificates were resumed.

CONCERNING FRANCKEAN SYNOD.

When the name of the Franckean Synod was read, the President decided that, not having any official knowledge whether the said Synod has complied with the conditions prescribed in the resolutions receiving that Synod, two years ago, into con-

nection with the General Synod, the delegates from the Franckean Synod cannot, for the present, be received.

THE CHAIR SUSTAINED ON APPEAL.

An appeal being made from the decision of the Chair in regard to the Synod of Pennsylvania, that decision was sustained. A division of the house was called for, when the vote resulted in seventy-seven ayes to twenty-four nays.

The Synod was finally constituted as appears in the following

LIST OF DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE.

1. SYNOD OF MARYLAND.

Rev. J. Evans,	Mr. T. Newton Kurtz,
" J. G. Butler,	Wm. M. Tice, Esq.,
" J. McCron, D.D.,	Dr. J. E. Herbst,
	Mr. A. S. Pratt.

2. SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. Prof. J. A. Brown, D.D.,	D. A. Buehler, Esq.,
" " S. S. Schmucker, D.D.,	Mr. S. Garver,
" A. W. Lilly,	" H. Saxton,
" F. W. Conrad, D.D.,	" E. C. Bender,
" E. Breidenbaugh,	" D. M. Myers.

3. HARTWICK SYNOD.

Rev. Prof. L. Sternberg, D D.,	Dr. I. Zeh,
" J. Selmser,	Mr. E. S. Baucus,
" L. Hippee,	" J. Lansing.
" J. Lefler,	

4. NEW YORK MINISTERIUM.

Rev. A. Wetzel,	Mr. A. F. Ockershausen,
" R. Adelberg,	" S. Shafer.
" G. W. Schmucker,	
" R. Neumann,	

5. ALLEGHENY SYNOD (PENNA).

Rev. H. W. Kuhns,	Mr. J. M. Gibboney,
" C. L. Streamer,	" C. Lowe,
" J. Tomlinson,	" D. K. Ramey,
" C. L. Ehrenfeld,	" J. H. Snyder.
" S. A. Holman,	

6. SYNOD OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. T. Stork, D.D.,
" Prof. C. A. Hay, D.D.,
" E. W. Hutter,
" R. A. Fink,
" E. Greenwald, D.D.,
" J. H. Heck,
Col. W. F. Wagenseller,
Mr. H. S. Boner,
" M. Buehler,
Hon. C. Kugler,
Mr. A. Hummel.

7. MIAMI SYNOD (OHIO).

Rev. W. H. Harrison, D.D.,
" Prof. M. Diehl,
" L. A. Gotwald,
" Prof. J. Swartz,
F. W. Keil, Esq.,
Mr. J. Gebhart,
" B. F. Reinmund,
" D. H. Bloom.

8. EAST OHIO SYNOD.

Rev. Prof. S. Sprecher, D.D.,
" I. J. Delo,
" A. Helwig,
" S. Wagner,
Mr. M. Butler,
" H. Ruthrauff,
" T. Walter,
" W. Plumer.

9. WITTENBERG SYNOD (OHIO).

Rev. M. Officer,
" M. W. Hamma,
" J. W. Goodlin,
" J. Crouse,
Mr. J. Stough,
" N. Failor,
" J. Shawber,
" Hon. S. S. Bloom.

10. SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

Rev. S. Liese,
" Prof. B. C. Suesserott,
Mr. P. Keller,
" P. Wible,
" J. Cress,
" E. Roessler.

11. OLIVE BRANCH SYNOD (INDIANA).

Rev. J. A. Kunkelman,
" J. Keller,
" A. Thompson,
Mr. J. H. Ohr,
" B. Scholl.

12. SYNOD OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

Rev. A. A. Trimper,
" J. L. Guard,
" Prof. S. W. Harkey, D.D.,
" C. B. Thuemmel,
Mr. J. G. Fleck,
" A. Weaver,
" D. Sprecher.

13. PITTSBURG SYNOD.

REV. W. A. PASSAVANT, D. D.,	MR. T. H. LANE,
" G. BASSLER,	" H. GINGRICH,
" L. M. KUHNS,	" L. KIM,
" W. BERKEMEIER,	" W. WEYMAN,
" R. HILL,	" J. F. DUFF.

14. ENGLISH SYNOD OF OHIO.

REV. J. RUGAN,	DR. P. KENNEDY,
" U. J. KNISELY,	JUDGE P. WILLIAMS.

15. SYNOD OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

REV. P. ANSTAEDT,	MR. J. RISHEL,
" D. SELL,	DR. W. F. RIBER.
" D. KLOSS,	

16. SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.

REV. W. P. RUTHRAUFF,	MR. H. RUDISILL,
" R. F. DELO,	" N. B. FREEMAN,
" S. P. SNYDER,	" D. D. KNISELY.
" H. WELLS,	

17. SYNOD OF IOWA.

REV. A. M. GEIGER,	MR. J. A. SPIELMAN.
" PROF. A. AXLINE,	
" W. T. STROBEL,	

NOTE.—The Secretary regards it proper here to make a note concerning certain Synods whose names were printed in former lists.

1. The Synod of Pennsylvania was not represented, for reasons which appear in these proceedings.

2. The Synod of Kentucky was dissolved in May, 1865, with the recommendation that its ministers and churches unite with the Olive Branch Synod of Indiana, which is in union with this body.

3. The Synod of Southern Illinois had no delegation present to represent it.

4. The Synod of Texas found it impossible to be represented during the war. The Secretary has received, through Rev. W. T. Strobel, a long fraternal letter from Rev. J. C. Roehm, President of that Synod. This letter is addressed to the General Synod, but came to hand after the adjournment of the late meeting. It professes, on behalf of the Synod of Texas, strong attachment to the General Synod, heartily deplores the unjustifiable event which suspended the relations of the two organizations, expresses sincere regret that straitened circumstances rendered it impracticable to send delegates to Fort Wayne, and indulges the hope that active relations may soon again be enjoyed. *Secretary.*

18. MELANCHTHON SYNOD (MARYLAND).

REV. H. G. BOWERS,	MR. J. FIERY.
" G. A. NIXDORFF,	

19. SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

REV. M. SHEELEIGH,	DR. E. C. WILLET.

20. SYNOD OF MINNESOTA.

REV. C. F. HEYER,
" G. FACHTMANN,

21. FRANCKEAN SYNOD (NEW YORK).

REV. N. VAN ALSTINE,	MR. P. S. CROSS,
" M. KLING,	" A. WALRATH,
" M. W. EMPIE,	" J. ULINE.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

The Synod being thus organized, the next order of business was the election of officers. Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown, and Rev. E. Breidenbaugh were appointed tellers.

The following persons were declared elected:

REV. JAMES A. BROWN, D.D., *President;*
REV. MATTHIAS SHEELEIGH, *Secretary;*
A. F. OCKERSHAUSEN, ESQ., *Treasurer.*

The officers took their seats. The President, at the request of the Secretary, re-appointed Rev. J. H. Heck Assistant Secretary.

The Rules of Order were read by the President. They were accepted for the government of this Convention.

CASE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

The regular order of business was suspended to consider the reception of the credentials of the Pennsylvania Synod's delegation.

REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the case of the Pennsylvania Synod, presented before the complete organization of this body, be now referred to a special committee of seven, whose duty it shall be to report on the subject at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Committee.—Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D. D., Rev. Prof. J. Swartz, Rev. J. McCron, D.D., Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D., Mr. D. A. Buehler, Mr. C. Kugler, and Mr. A. S. Pratt.

DELEGATES REQUESTED TO REPORT.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod be now respectfully requested to report to this Synod, by handing in their credentials and a copy of the minutes for each of their last two meetings, and that their documents be referred to the committee appointed to report on their case.

MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That we will to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, spend one hour in prayer meeting, and commence business at 9 o'clock.

The following visiting brethren were present as visitors, during the sessions of the Synod, and were by a subsequent resolution invited to seats:

LIST OF CLERICAL VISITORS.

Rev. G. F. STELLING,	Rev. A. H. WATERS,
" J. B. BALTZLY,	" A. J. CROMER,
" R. SMITH,	" J. CROMER,
" P. E. BELL,	" T. T. TITUS,
" J. F. SHEARER,	" DR. G. DIEHL,
" PROF. A. MARTIN,	" P. RABY,
" J. C. BRODFUEHRER,	" G. EICHHOLTZ,
" A. BERG,	" A. H. MYERS,
" R. WEISER,	" H. EGGERS,
" W. J. SLOAN,	" J. E. WESNER,
" F. KLINEFELTER,	" P. BERGSTRESSER,
" D. SCHINDLER,	" J. Z. SENDERLING,
" P. WILLARD.	" H. L. WILES,
" C. LEPLEY,	" PROF. WM. KOPP,
" D. SMITH,	" H. RECK.

A motion to adjourn being carried, Rev. J. McCron, D. D., offered prayer.

SECOND DAY.—FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, A. M. MAY, 18th, 1866.

At 8 o'clock the members of Synod assembled, and spent one hour in devotional services.

The business session opened at 9 o'clock, Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D., leading in prayer.

The roll was called and corrected. The minutes of the previous session were read, and, after making a verbal modification, approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CASE OF PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

As the special business of the hour, the Committee to whom was referred the case of the Pennsylvania Synod reported:

Your committee respectfully report, that, in accordance with the public notice given in the church, they assembled at the specified time and place, to take into consideration the case of the Pennsylvania Synod, and any credentials or documents, which the delegates of said Synod might, in accordance with the public invitation given by the President of the General Synod, see fit to present. Your Committee regret to report, that no credentials or other documents were communicated to them, and that their only recourse was to the Minutes of the Synod of Pennsylvania, during the two years since the session of the last General Synod. After mature consideration of the case, your Committee resolved *first*, to present to the Synod a statement of the facts in the case, as apparent from the Minutes of the Pennsylvania Synod referred to, and from earlier Minutes; and, *secondly*, on the basis of these facts to submit several resolutions.

It appears, then, that the Synod of Pennsylvania was one of the original Synods which formed the Constitution of this Body, in 1820, at Hagerstown: That they attended one meeting of the General Synod, in 1821, and in the spring of 1823 withdrew from this Body, and resolved not to have any connection with it again until requested to do so by their congregations: That for thirty years thereafter, they had no connection whatever with this Body: That when, in 1853, they re-entered into connection with it, they proposed only a qualified connection, specifying a contingency, on the occurrence of which, their delegates were instructed, by a standing resolution, to withdraw from the sessions of this Body, and report to their Synod: That the admission of the Franckean Synod, in 1864, was, in the judgment of their delegates, such a case, and they therefore protested against said action, withdrew from the sessions of the General Synod, and reported to their Synod: That their Synod, after full discussion, approved the action of their delegates, by a unanimous vote: That at their meeting in 1864, they resolved, that the consideration of "the future relation of this Synod to the General Synod be

postponed, until the time for the election of delegates to that body shall again recur:" That at the meeting of 1865, they elected delegates to this Body, with the declaration, that *the "Synod desires it to be distinctly understood, that it has not ceased to approve of the protest and withdrawal of its last delegation* at the meeting at York;" and also resolved that "the Synod *now as ever reserves to itself the right asserted in the resolutions adopted at the time of the election of its delegation to the General Synod in* 1853, and which prompted the action of our delegation at the Convention at York," in 1864: That the delegation thus elected made their appearance at this meeting, and tendered their credentials upon the calling of the roll of Synods; but the President having decided, that the status of their Synod being a disputed one, their credentials could not be received or acted on until after the organization of the Synod, and this decision being sustained by a vote of the house, their case was not taken up until after the organization, when they were called on to present their credentials, but declined to do so: That your Committee was then appointed, to whom the matter was referred to report on.

Having thus detailed the facts of the case, your Committee present the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod regard the condition annexed by the Pennsylvania Synod to the appointment of their delegates, as contrary to that equality among the synods composing this Body, provided for by the Constitution of this Synod, and as derogatory to its dignity.

2. *Resolved*, That whatever motives of Christian forbearance may have induced this Synod to receive the Pennsylvania delegates in 1853, with this condition; the unfavorable influences since exerted by it render this Synod no longer willing to submit to such distinctions.

3. *Resolved*, That waving the irregularities in the present case, for the sake of brotherly love and peace, this Synod hereby agree to receive the present delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod, with the understanding that they use their influence at the next meeting of their Synod, to have the obnoxious condition rescinded.

4. *Resolved*, That this body will hereafter not receive any Synod into its connection, upon any other terms or conditions than those prescribed in the Constitution of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. SCHMUCKER,
D. A. BUEHLER,
JOHN McCRON,
JOEL SWARTZ,
S. W. HARKEY,
CHARLES KUGLER,
A. S. PRATT.

The Report was accepted, and the several parts were taken up seriatim.

DELEGATES WERE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION.

Pending the discussion of the Report, the following was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod be allowed to participate in the discussion of the question of their admission, as soon as their credentials are handed to the President, and the question of their due number is determined.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, it was

Resolved, That if the Parent Education Society does not hold its anniversary this evening, the time be appropriated to the public services of the Historical Society.

LIST OF COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following Committees, as provided for in the Rules of Order:

On the State of the Church.—Rev. J. G. Butler, Rev. E. Greenwald, D.D., Rev. E. Breidenbaugh, Rev. Prof. L. Sternberg, D.D., Rev. R. Neumann, Rev. C. L. Ehrenfeld, Rev. L. A. Gotwald, Rev. A. Helwig, Rev. M. W. Hamma, Rev. Prof. B. C. Suesserott, Rev. J. Keller, Rev. C. B. Thümmel, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Rev. J. Rugan, Rev. D. Kloss, Rev. H. Wiles, Rev. A. Axline, Rev. H. G. Bowers, Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. C. F. Heyer, Rev. N. Van Alstine.

On Credentials.—Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D., and Mr. B. F. Reinmund.

On Devotional Services.—Rev. W. H. Harrison, D.D., Rev. E. W. Hutter, and Rev. H. Rudisill.

On Literary and Theological Institutions.—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D., Rev. G. W. Schmucker, Rev. H. W. Kuhns, Rev. J. Evans, Rev. A. M. Geiger, J. E. Herbst, M.D., and Col. W. F. Wagenseller.

On Correspondence with other Ecclesiastical Bodies.—Rev. S. Sprecher, D.D., Rev. A. W. Lilly, Rev. G. Bassler, Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, and R. Adelberg.

On Treasurer's Report.—Hon. S. S. Bloom, Rev. S. A. Holman, Rev. E. W. Hutter, Mr. H. S. Boner, and Col. W. F. Wagenseller.

On Mileage.—Rev. J. Crouse, Mr. H. Saxton, Mr. A. F. Ockershausen, Mr. J. Gebhart, and Rev. R. A. Fink.

Resolved, That the Synod now adjourn, to meet this afternoon, immediately after the Parent Education Society shall have disposed of its business.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. Rugan.

SECOND DAY.—SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 18th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

After the Parent Education Society had held its meeting, the Synod was called to order by the President.

Rev. J. G. Butler offered prayer.

The Minutes of the former session were read and adopted.

MINNESOTA SYNOD'S DELEGATES ARRIVED.

The credentials entitling the delegates of the Synod of Minnesota to seats were presented.

PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S CASE RESUMED.

The discussion on the Report relating to the Pennsylvania Synod was resumed.

After making several verbal corrections in the statement of facts introductory to the resolutions, and inserting the words of the retiring President's decision in reference to the Pennsylvania Synod, the first resolution was taken up and amended. During its discussion, a substitute for all the resolutions contained in the report was offered. Pending its consideration, the Synod adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Rev. M. Officer.

THIRD DAY.—FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 19th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

After spending one hour in the services of a prayer-meeting, the business session was commenced. The President requested Rev. E. Breidenbaugh to lead in prayer.

The roll was called, and a few new names were added. The minutes of the last session were read and adopted.

DISCUSSION ON PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD RESUMED.

The regular order of business in hand when Synod adjourned was again taken up.

A motion was made and carried, to close debate on the subject immediately before the Body.

A vote being taken, the substitute was rejected.

It was next decided by a vote to close debate on the first resolution. The resolution was then adopted.

A motion to adjourn until immediately after Preparatory Service, this afternoon, was carried.

REPORT ON DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

The following report was yet read:

The Committee on Devotional Exercises respectfully report the following appointments for preaching, viz.:

1. *Preparatory Services.*

Dr. E. Greenwald, Saturday, 8 o'clock, P. M.

2. *English Lutheran Church.*

Dr. J. A. Seiss, Sabbath morning, by request.
Rev. J. Z. Senderling, Sabbath afternoon, Address at Lord's Supper.
Dr. T. Stork, Sabbath evening.

3. *German Lutheran Church, St. John's.*

Rev. S. K. Brobst, Sabbath morning, by request.
" R. Neumann, Sabbath evening, by request.

4. *First Presbyterian Church.*

Rev. E. W. Hutter, Sabbath morning.
Dr. C. P. Krauth, Sabbath evening, by request.

5. *Second Presbyterian Church.*

Dr. F. W. Conrad, Sabbath morning.
Dr. Wm. A. Passavant, Sabbath evening, by request.

6. *Wayne St. Methodist Episcopal Church.*

Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Sabbath morning.
Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, Sabbath evening.

7. *Berry St. Methodist Episcopal Church.*

Dr. J. McCron, Sabbath morning.
Dr. S. W. Harkey, Sabbath evening.

8. *German Reformed Church.*

Rev. Wm. Berkemeier, Sabbath evening.

9. *Baptist Church.*

Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Sabbath morning.
Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Sabbath afternoon.
Rev. J. Evans, Sabbath evening.

We recommend, at the same time, that every morning at 8 o'clock, during the sessions of Synod, there shall be a prayer-meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. H. HARRISON,
E. W. HUTTER.

Prayer by Rev. A. M. Geiger.

THIRD DAY.—SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 19th, 4 o'clock, P. M.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon, subsequent to the service preparatory to the Lord's Supper to be celebrated on to-morrow, the Synod came to order, and united in prayer with Rev. Prof. J. Swartz.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS ON PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

The discussion on the resolutions reported by the Committee in regard to the Synod of Pennsylvania, was continued until 6 o'clock.

A motion was made and sustained to adjourn until 7½ o'clock this evening.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D.

THIRD DAY.—THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 19th, 7½ o'clock, evening.

The designated hour having arrived, the President called the house to order.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Prof. L. Sternberg, D.D.

PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S CASE RESUMED.

The business concerning the Pennsylvania Synod was resumed.

The resolutions having been considered to the end, amended and adopted, the Report, thus changed, was adopted as a whole, as follows:

Your Committee respectfully report, that in accordance with the public notice given in the church, they assembled at the specified time and place, to take into consideration the case of the Pennsylvania Synod, and any credentials or documents, which the delegates of said Synod might, in accordance with the public invitation given by the President of the General Synod, see fit to present. Your Committee regret to report, that no credentials or other documents were communicated to them, and their only recourse was to the Minutes of the Synod of Pennsylvania, during the two years since the session of the last General Synod. After mature consideration of the case, your Committee resolved *first*, to present to the Synod a statement of the facts in the case, as apparent from the minutes of the Pennsylvania Synod referred to, and from earlier Minutes; and, *secondly*, on the basis of these facts to submit several resolutions.

It appears, then, that the Synod of Pennsylvania was one of the original Synods which formed the Constitution of this Body, in 1820, at Hagerstown: That they attended one meeting of the General Synod in 1821, and in the spring of 1823 withdrew from this Body, and resolved not to have any connection with it again until requested to do so by their congregations: That for thirty years thereafter they had no connection whatever with this Body: That when, in 1853, they re-entered into connection with it, they proposed only a qualified connection, specifying a contingency, on the occurrence of which, their delegates were instructed, by a standing resolution, to withdraw from the sessions of this Body and report to their Synod: That the admission of the Franckean Synod, in 1864, was, in the judgment of their delegates, such a case, and they therefore protested against said action, withdrew from the sessions of the General Synod, and reported to their Synod: That their Synod, after full discussion, approved the action of their delegates by a unanimous vote: That at their meeting, in 1864, they resolved "that the consideration of the future relation of this Synod to the General Synod be postponed, until the time for the election of delegates to that body shall again recur:" That at the meeting of 1865, they elected delegates to this Body, with the declaration, that *the "Synod desires it to be distinctly understood, that it has not ceased to approve of the protest and withdrawal* of its last delegation at the meeting at York;" and also resolved that the Synod *now as ever reserves to itself the right asserted in the resolutions adopted at the time of the election of its delegation to the General Synod, in* 1853, and which prompted the action of our delegation at the Convention at York," in 1864: That the delegation thus elected made their appearance at this meeting, and tendered their credentials during and after calling the roll of Synods, before the election of officers and organization of the Synod, when the President gave this decision: "The Chair regards the act of delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod, by which they severed their practical relations with the General Synod, and withdrew from the partnership of the Synods, in the governing functions of the General Synod, as the act of the Synod of Pennsylvania, and that consequently that Synod

was out of practical union with the General Synod up to the adjournment of the last convention, and as we cannot know officially what the action of that Synod has been since, she must be considered as in that state of practical withdrawal from the governing functions of the General Synod, until the General Synod can receive a report of an act restoring her practical relations to the General Synod; and as no such report can be received until said Synod is organized, the Chair cannot know any paper offered at this stage of the proceedings of the Synod as a certificate of delegation to this body;" and this decision being sustained by a vote of the house, their case was not taken up until after the organization, when they were called on to present their credentials, but declined to do so: That your Committee was then appointed, to whom the matter was referred to report on.

Having thus detailed the facts, your Committee present the following resolutions:

[Here follow the resolutions adopted, and as in part only those of the committee.]

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod regard the condition annexed by the Pennsylvania Synod to the appointment of the delegates, as contrary to that equality among the Synods composing this Body, provided for by the Constitution of this Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That whatever motives of Christian forbearance may have induced this Synod to receive the Pennsylvania delegates in 1853, with this condition, the unfavorable influences since exerted by it render it very desirable that said condition be rescinded by the Synod of Pennsylvania.

3. *Resolved*, That the General Synod hereby expresses its entire willingness to receive the delegates of the Synod of Pennsylvania.

After thus disposing of the foregoing, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the delegates from the Pennsylvania Synod be requested to waive what may seem to them an irregular organization of this Body, and to acquiesce in the present organization.

It was, furthermore,

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to present, in writing, to the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod the action just passed in reference to that body.

FRANCKEAN SYNOD'S DELEGATION RECEIVED.

In relation to the Franckean Synod, it was then

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the Franckean Synod has complied with the condition of admission laid down by the last General Synod, its delegation be received.

In response to a suggestion made by a member, in view of the favorable disposal of the subject before the Synod during the last three days, the whole body rose and engaged in heartily singing the doxology,—

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;"

and then united in prayer with Rev. C. F. Heyer, the oldest member of the Synod.

It was then determined to adjourn until 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

Prayer by Rev. Prof. M. Diehl.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., May 21, 1866.

The President was in the chair. Opened with prayer by Rev. E. W. Hutter,

The Treasurer read his Report. It was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. F. OCKERSHAUSEN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH GENERAL SYNOD.

1864.		Dr.
May 6,	Cash balance on hand	$1,319 70
" 10,	P. S. Michler, late Treasurer, per I. Sülger	464 76
July 20,	Board of Publication, per L. L. Houpt	482 64
1865.		
April 6,	St. John's Church, Ancram, N. Y.	3 00
May 10,	Congregation at Lionville, Pa	13 00
June 6,	Board of Publication, per L. L. Houpt	340 42
Aug. 16,	" " " "	102 02
" 18,	Rev. N. Van Alstine, for Franckean Synod	36 00
Sept. 8,	Rev. Levi Schell	7 00
Oct. 13,	St. John's Church, Lancaster, Pa	10 00
1866.		
April 10,	Board of Publication, per L. L. Houpt	120 31
" 13,	First Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pa	36 30
" 18,	Berlin Charge, Berlin, Pa	25 00
" 20,	Congregation of Middletown, Md.	10 00
" 23,	Lutheran Church, Brunswick, N. Y.	8 50
" 25,	New Chester Charge, Adams Co., Pa.	14 00
" 26,	Zion Church, West Sandlake, N. Y.	7 00
" 28,	First Lutheran Church, Crestline, O.	3 75
" "	Woodbury Congregation, Monroe Co., O.	2 00

April 28,	Salem Congregation, Richland Co., O	4 71	
May 2,	First English Lutheran Church, Lancaster, O	17 00	
" "	T. Newton Kurtz, Premium on Hymn Books, &c.	227 00	
" 7,	Yellow Creek, Ill	1 00	
" "	Christ Church, Easton, Pa	36 27	
" 10,	Lutheran Church, Bearytown, N. Y	6 00	
" 11,	St. John's Church, Ancram, N. Y	5 00	
" "	St. James' Church, New York city	89 00	
" 17,	Canton Congregation, O	19 40	
" "	Franckean Synod, N. Y	35 55	
" "	St. John's Church, Livingston, N. Y	8 00	
" "	A. H. Shearer	1 00	
" "	Milton Congregation, Pa	6 00	
" "	Ebenezer Church, Albany, N. Y	19 00	
" "	Altoona Congregation, Pa	15 00	
" "	St. Luke's, Germantown, Pa	5 00	
" "	Indiana Congregation, Pa	5 00	
" "	German Valley, N. J	6 05	
" "	Smicksburg Charge, Pa	20 10	
" "	Melanchthon Synod, Md	22 22	
" "	St. Paul's Church, Washington, D. C	30 00	
" "	First Lutheran Church, Carlisle, Pa	50 00	
" "	Green Village Congregation, Pa	8 25	
" "	Fredenburg Charge, Pa	12 00	
" 18,	From Isaac Sulger, balance from late Treasurer, $89 90, less $27 00, for Printing	62 90	
" "	Springfield Congregation, O	10 00	
" "	Albion Congregation, Iowa	8 15	
" "	Gallupville and Bernville Congregations, N. Y	12 00	
" "	Johnstown Congregation, N. Y	10 00	
" "	Camden Charge, Ind	5 65	
" "	Congregation of Mansfield, O	4 00	
" "	Pine Grove Mills Charge, Pa	10 00	
" "	Central Hall Charge, Pa	2 50	
" "	Dayton Charge, O	30 00	
" "	White Deer Charge, O	12 60	
" 19,	North Manchester Charge, Ind	3 50	
" "	Spruce Run Charge, N. J	5 00	
" "	Stewartsville Church, N. J	4 00	
" "	St. James' Congregation, Gettysburg, Pa	10 50	
" "	First Lutheran Church, Bellefontaine, O	10 00	
" "	First English Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, O	15 00	
			$3,819 75

1864.		Cr.
May 12,	Cash paid Mileage Committee	$2,443 45
" 17,	J. K. Plitt, for Mileage	4 05
" "	W. S. Young, per S. S. Schmucker, printing Liturgy	101 87

June,	S. L. Endress, for Mileage	18 00	
July 28,	M. L. Stoever, printing Minutes, Postage, &c	846 00	
	Interest, &c	50 00	
	Balance on hand	856 38	
			$3,819 75

MINUTES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RECEIVED.

The Synods were ordered to be called, for the purpose of receiving from the several delegations the Minutes of Synods, and other documents.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SYNOD'S MINUTES.

The President appointed the Committee on the Minutes of the last General Synod.

Committee.—Dr. C. A. Hay, Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, and Mr. E. C. Bender.

HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE REPORTED.

Hon. C. Kugler, read the Report of the Hymn Book Committee. This Report was accepted and referred to the Committee having in hand the Treasurer's Report; and it was ordered that this Committee be enlarged by the addition of two members. The following were added: Rev. E. W. Hutter, and W. M. Tice, Esq.

VISITING BRETHREN INVITED TO SEATS.

On motion it was

Resolved, That all visiting brethren present, from our own and sister denominations, be invited to seats in this body, and that they be requested to hand in their names to the Secretary, to be entered upon the Minutes of the Synod.

[List presented at the end of the first day's proceedings.]

RESOLUTIONS ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

The following Resolutions on the state of the country were offered, and unanimously adopted, by a rising vote:

Whereas, The last two sessions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States, convened, respectively, in the years 1862 and 1864, at Lancaster and York, in the State of Pennsylvania, were both held during the prevalence of a calamitous civil war; and,

Whereas, At both of said sessions the General Synod, be-

sides carefully enunciating its views in reference to the origin of said war, and the great issues at stake, also offered fervent prayers to Almighty God for the speedy return of a peace, based on the principles of his own truth and righteousness; be it, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we do hereby, as a General Synod, greatly rejoice, that our present sessions are being held under circumstances, and amidst surroundings, which are in so grateful and happy contrast with those which at our two former sessions filled our hearts with so much anxiety and grief.

2. *Resolved*, That, not abating a jot or tittle of the declaration of principles then solemnly put forth, we do now join in ascriptions of praise, and power, and glory unto Him who is the Author of all our mercies, and the source of all our blessings, that He has caused the desolations of war to cease in our land, and that peace once more sheds its benign influence over every part of our national domain.

3. *Resolved*, That in these our thanksgivings we include, as among the most obvious occasions of them, the final victory which He was graciously pleased to vouchsafe to our gallant army and navy; the preservation of our government, and its associated institutions from meditated forcible overthrow, and the removal from amongst us of the curse of slavery, in whose interest, and for whose extension, the war was inaugurated and prosecuted.

4. *Resolved*, That the widows and orphans which the rebellion has made are the legacy of the nation, and that it behooves the Church to unite with the States, and the General Government, in extending to them all possible sympathy, succor and support.

5. *Resolved*, That to the millions of bondmen, who by the vicissitudes of war have been so suddenly and strangely translated into a state of freedom, the country owes its most beneficent and paternal guardianship, that they suffer no detriment from neglect or abuse, but be strengthened, comforted and assisted, in which great duty the Church of Christ cannot and must not be found tardy or delinquent.

6. *Resolved*, That we share in the enlightened and spontaneous sentiment of the people of this land, in expressions of

profoundest sorrow, because of the violent death of President Abraham Lincoln, whose memory as a Patriot, a Statesman, and the highest type of a Philanthropist, we cherish and revere, and whose services to our nation, and to the cause of the suffering and oppressed, we shall ever hold in grateful and affectionate remembrance.

Immediately on the adoption of the above, the Synod united in singing the first and last stanzas of

"My country, 'tis of thee."

FORMER SECRETARY.

A letter from the former Secretary was read, when it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to Prof. M. L. Stoever, for the fidelity and ability with which he had so long discharged his duties as the Secretary of this Synod.

PAPER REGARDING A MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Rev. J. G. Butler presented a paper in regard to a Memorial Church, contemplated to be erected in the city of Washington. A committee was appointed to report thereon.

Committee.—Rev. Prof. J. Swartz, Rev. T. Stork, D.D., and T. Newton Kurtz, Esq.

COMMITTEE ON RAILROAD FARES.

A committee was appointed to report on the arrangements effected with railroad companies, in regard to returning persons who are in attendance upon the Synod.

Committee.—H. Rudisill, J. Gebhart, Rev. J. H. Heck, and Rev. E. W. Hutter.

COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Whereas, It is provided, in a standing resolution, "that no delegate who shall leave Synod previous to final adjournment, without being excused by this body, shall be paid his mileage;" therefore,

Resolved, That a committee on leave of absence be appointed, to whom all applications on that subject shall be made.

Committee.—Rev. Dr. C. A. Hay, Rev. G. Bassler, Rev. J. Evans.

COMMITTEE ON DEATH OF DR. B. KURTZ.

A motion being made, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to present a memorial in regard to the death of the venerable Rev. B. Kurtz, D. D., LL. D.

The committee was constituted of the following persons: Rev. Dr. S. S. Schmucker, Rev. Dr. J. McCron, and Rev. C. F. Heyer.

REQUEST TO FRANCKEAN SYNOD'S DELEGATION.

It was on motion

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby requests the delegates of the Franckean Synod of New York to make a written statement to this body, of the precise relations which the Western Conference of the Franckean Synod sustains to that Synod.

Dr. S. S. Schmucker, Chairman of the Liturgical Committee, read a Report.

REPORT OF THE LITURGIC COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL SYNOD, MAY 18TH, 1866.

At the present stage of the action of the General Synod, in regard to the proposed Liturgy, your Committee find it unnecessary to add much to the statements made in the last Report. We there mention that the General Committee, on the day of their appointment at Lancaster city, had marked out the line of action for the sub-committee which they elected, in the following resolutions:

"1. *Resolved*, That the General Synod's Liturgy shall be the basis on which the new Liturgy is to be constructed; the other Liturgies employed in different portions of our Church, to be consulted and used as far as may be deemed proper.

"2. *Resolved*, That the new Liturgy shall have but one form for each occasion.

"3. *Resolved*, That on all subjects on which difference of doctrinal sentiment exists, Scripture language, suited to either or both views, is to be employed without comment."

The General Committee thus instructed its agents, not to ignore the former labors of the General Synod, but, to build upon the existing Liturgy of this body as the basis of the new work. As the one now in use was translated from the former Liturgy of the Pennsylvania Synod, and that had been chiefly copied and enlarged from that which was prepared by the patriarchs of our Church in America; it follows, as the sub-committee faithfully observed their instructions, that the work is a legitimate development from that of the fathers of our Church in this country, preserving the historical connection of our Church, as well as its ecclesiastical principles and usages. Yet, as several District Synods, and even individuals in our Church, had also published the fruits of their liturgic labors, these also were added to the materials from which our selection was made. From this mass, your Com-

mittee selected the best of each, and thus furnished one form for those *Actus Ministeriales* which are of more rare occurrence; and several for the constantly recurring exercises of public worship. In these selections the Committee made only such alterations and verbal amendments as were necessary to the unity and homogeneity of the whole. While, therefore, we claim no credit of authorship, we believe the plan of the General Committee to be judicious, and the new Liturgy to be far better than any one of those from which it was selected.

To facilitate the further improvement of this work, the General Synod "referred the work to the District Synods and Churches, for examination, &c.; that a Committee of five be appointed, to whom the action of the several Synods shall be *submitted*, which Committee shall adjust, and as far as possible endeavor to harmonize said action, and report the same to the General Synod, and that this Committee also be authorized to make any amendments which their judgment may approve." We regret to say, that not in a single instance did any such proposed alterations, either verbal or real, reach your Committee. We know also that some of the Synodical Committees gave the work but little attention, especially in regions where a liturgy is rarely used. Of one thing your Committee feel convinced, that unless we build upon the labors of our predecessors, unless we hold fast to this selection, making whatever further amendments may be deemed necessary, many years will elapse before the Church will be at rest on this subject, or have a good Liturgy. The majority of our Synods are decidedly opposed to any increase of liturgic forms, beyond what are contained in this selection; and as this consists of a careful selection of the most approved forms in all the Liturgies in use among us, we do not suppose that any individual could compose an original one better than these, or that half as many churches or Synods would be willing to receive it.

With these remarks, your Committee submit the following resolutions, to indicate the course of action which the Synod might pursue:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Synod first hear the reports of the delegates of the different Synods, if they have any to make.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod hear the Liturgy read, at least so far as the exercises of public worship on the Lord's day are concerned.

3. *Resolved*, That the Synod now give the Committee suggestions for the further improvement of the Liturgy, if deemed necessary.

4. That with these instructions the Committee be requested to make such further improvements in the work as they may deem proper; and when in their judgment it is finished, they shall report the fact to the Hymn Book Committee, who shall make a contract for having it handsomely and correctly printed, the Liturgic Committee having the charge of the proof-sheets and the correction of the press.

5. That the sale of the book shall be contracted for with the Publication Board.

6. The book thus published, to be styled the Provisional Liturgy, and the ministers be authorized to introduce it for trial in their churches.

S. S. SCHMUCKER,
SAM'L SPRECHER,
T. STORK.

After the reading, the paper was accepted for further action.

PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S DELEGATION TO BE HEARD.

Resolved, That the delegation of the Pennsylvania Synod be heard to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Adjourned until the hour just named, in order to give place to the Foreign Missionary Society for the remainder of the day.

Prayer by Rev. R. Neumann.

FIFTH DAY.

TUESDAY, A. M., May 22d, 1866.

After the usual hour of prayer, the Synod was opened for business.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. W. Lilly.

The roll was called. The minutes were read and adopted.

RESPONSE OF PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S DELEGATION READ.

A communication from the delegates of the Synod of Pennsylvania was read by Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., one of their number.

When the reading was concluded, it was

Resolved, That this paper be received.

FINAL PROPOSITIONS OF THE RESPONSE.

[A subsequent Resolution of the Synod directs that the "final propositions" contained in this Response, be published in the Minutes. They are therefore presented at this point, as the proper place.]

The Response was closed with the only terms on which its authors were willing to co-operate in the General Synod, viz.:

"Provided:

"That this Body shall now declare that the Synod of Pennsylvania had, as it claimed to have, the constitutional right to be represented before the election of officers, and to take part in it, and might now justly claim the right of casting its vote.

"If the Convention shall so declare, we are perfectly willing to waive the right of voting, will acquiesce in the present or-

ganization, and will take our seats in this Body, equals among equals.

Respectfully submitted."

(Signed,) JOSEPH. A. SEISS, Ch'n of Del'n.
CHARLES P. KRAUTH,
G. F. KROTEL,
C. W. SCHAEFFER,
S. K. BROBST,
SAMUEL LAIRD,
LOUIS L. HOUPT,
HENRY LEHMAN,
C. F. NORTON,
CHARLES A. HEINITSH.

FURTHER ACTION IN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S CASE PROPOSED.

Resolutions were offered for further action relative to the case of the Pennsylvania Synod. Before concluding the subject, the morning hour expired. The afternoon being set apart for various Societies, Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. E. Greenwald.

SIXTH DAY.—FIRST SESSION.

The Minutes of the former session were read and adopted.

Prayer by Rev. R. Helwig.

FINAL ACTION REGARDING SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

It was determined to suspend the regular order, and take up the unfinished business of yesterday, being the Resolutions in regard to the Synod of Pennsylvania.

The following Resolution was offered as a substitute for the first of the series:

Ultimate Resolution.

Resolved, That after hearing the response of the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod, we cannot conscientiously recede from the action adopted by this body, believing, after full and careful deliberation, said action to have been regular and constitutional; but that we re-affirm our readiness to receive the delegates of said Synod, as soon as they present their credentials in due form.

Debate on the resolution was closed.

Yeas and Nays.

The Yeas and Nays being called, the result was the adoption of the resolution, as follows: Yeas, seventy-seven; Nays, thirty-two; not voting, seven.

Yeas.—Evans, Butler, Brown, S. S. Schmucker, Lilly, Breidenbaugh, Sternberg, Selmser, Lefler, Streamer, Tomlinson, Ehrenfeld, Holman, Hay, Heck, Harrison, Diehl, Swartz, Sprecher, I. J. Delo, Helwig, Wagner, Officer, Hamma, Goodlin, Crouse, Suesserott, Keller, Guard, Thuemmel, Anstaedt, Sell, Kloss, Snyder, Wells, Geiger, Bowers, Nixdorff, Sheeleigh, Van Alstine, Kling, Empie, Kurtz, Herbst, Pratt, D. A. Buehler, Garver, Bender, Myers, Zeh, Baucus, Lansing, Gibboney, Lowe, Ramey, Snyder, Wagenseller, Boner, Kugler, Hummel, Keil, Reinmund, H. Ruthrauff, Walter, Plumer, Stough, Failor, Shawber, Wible, Rishel, Riber, D. D. Knisely, Fiery, Willet, Cross, Walrath, Uline.—77.

Nays.—Hippee, Wetzel, Adelberg, G. W. Schmucker, Neumann, H. W. Kuhns, Hutter, Greenwald, Gotwald, Liese, Kunkelman, Thompson, Harkey, Passavant, Bassler, Berkemeier, Hill, Rugan, Knisely, W. P. Ruthrauff, Axline, Strobel, Fachtmann, Saxton, Ockershausen, Shafer, Roessler, Lane, Kim, Rudisill, Freeman, Spielman.—32.

Non liquet.—Conrad, Stork, L. M. Kuhns, M. Buehler, Fleck, Trimper, R. F. Delo.—7.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER MADE AND TABLED.

It was moved to reconsider the vote, and the motion was laid on the table.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss, having asked permission, made a statement on behalf of the delegation of the Synod of Pennsylvania, of which he was Chairman. He was requested to present the same in writing, to be entered on the record of the General Synod.

The President of the General Synod made a reply, [which he also, according to request, reduced to writing, to accompany the statement.]

STATEMENT OF DR. SEISS.

The delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod state to this Convention that in retiring, as they now do, they distinctly declare that this their act in no sense or degree affects the relations of the Pennsylvania Synod to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

(Signed,) JOS. A. SEISS, Chair'n of Del'n.
CHAS. P. KRAUTH,
G. F. KROTEL,
C. W. SCHAEFFER,
S. K. BROBST,
SAMUEL LAIRD,
L. L. HOUPT,
HENRY LEHMAN,
C. F. NORTON.

REPLY OF THE PRESIDENT.

This Body has not decided at any time that the Pennsylvania Synod was out of the General Synod. But having by its delegation openly withdrawn from the sessions of the General Synod, at York, Pa., the former President ruled that the practical relation of the Synod of Pennsylvania to the General Synod was such, that no report could be heard from that Synod until the General Synod was organized. This ruling of the President was sustained by a very large majority, after an appeal had been taken. Immediately after its organization, the General Synod invited the delegates of the Synod of Pennsylvania to present their credentials and report; and has evinced its readiness at every stage to grant to the Synod of Pennsylvania every lawful privilege and every right. The General Synod hereby extend to the delegation from the Synod of Pennsylvania the assurance of its kindest regard.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS LAID ON TABLE.

The remaining resolutions of the series offered were laid on the table.

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns this morning, it adjourn to meet immediately after the meeting of the Publication Society, this afternoon.

BURNING OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH, NEW YORK.

On motion,

Resolved, That the General Synod having heard, with sincere and heartfelt sorrow, the destruction by fire, on Tuesday morning last, of the new and beautiful Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. James, in the city of New York, we hereby express to the congregation and its beloved pastor, Rev. A. C. Wedekind, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of trial, and commend them in prayer to the sustaining grace of God.

DEATH OF REV. S. SAYFORD.

Resolved, That in the death of Rev. S. Sayford, who had been elected a delegate to this Convention, by the Olive Branch Synod, the church has lost one of its humblest and most pious ministers; that, bowing to the providence of God, we will be admonished to ever watch and pray; that we invoke the blessing of God upon the afflicted family; and hereby request the Secretary of this body to forward a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Sayford.

Adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Hymn Book Committee reported.

REPORT ON HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Hymn Book Committee, and accompanying papers, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find that there was due the Treasurer, January 1st, 1865, the sum of $453.89, of which amount he received $340.42; leaving a balance of $113.47. It appears that this discrepancy arose in this way: the $113.47 was withheld under the impression that the Hymn Book Committee of the General Synod would allow that amount under the resolution of the General Synod at York, (see page 47,) because that the then "condition of the country had materially affected the prices of publication."

It appears, however, that such an arrangement was never formally acted upon; and hence that amount is yet due from the Publication Society to the Treasurer of the General Synod.

There was also due since January 1st, 1866, upon account rendered at that date, the further sum of $1163.37, making the sum total due $1276.84.

The Publication Society, as appears from vouchers furnished, had expended the sum of $5110.00, to carry into effect the publication of the 24mo edition of the Hymn Book, recommended to be published by the Committee of the General Synod at the meeting in York, Pa., in May, 1864.

That, under the contract, the Publication Society were to receive five per cent. on sales; that they received during the first twenty months, under that

contract, only $176.63—less than the interest of the money invested—to say nothing of expenses.

Hence the Hymn Book Committee, in justice to the Publication Society, have recommended the allowance of an additional five per cent. on all sales made under the contract.

Your Committee would so far concur in the recommendation as to allow the additional five per cent. on all sales made since the last account was rendered, January 1st, 1866. This is the more justifiable, because under this new contract the General Synod will realize much more revenue than under any former contract.

The committee further recommend the re-adoption of the action of the General Synod as follows: "That the control and management of the publication of the Catechism, Hymn Book, Liturgy, and other books of the General Synod, and the power to contract for the publication of several editions of the same, shall be intrusted to the Hymn Book Committee."

S. S. BLOOM,
C. A. HOLMAN,
HENRY S. BONER,
E. W. HUTTER.
W. F. WAGENSELLER.

The report was accepted.

After some discussion, the subject was deferred until after the meeting of the Publication Society, this afternoon.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. H. S. Boner reported for the Committee on the Treasurer's Report.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of A. F. Ockershausen, Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and found it correct. Balance in hands of the Treasurer at this date, is eight hundred and fifty-six dollars and thirty-eight cents.

S. S. BLOOM,
S. A. HOLMAN,
HENRY S. BONER.

The Report was adopted.

The Trustees of the Pastors' Fund rendered their Report.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES ON PASTORS' FUND.

The Trustees of the Pastors' Fund beg leave to report, that during the last two years several meetings have been held, at which the applications for relief were duly considered, and aid extended to the following persons, viz:

Mrs. V. G.	$50.00	
" L. G.	100.00	
" C. H.	100.00	
" C. J.	100.00	
" C. T.	100.00	
Rev. B.,	100.00	
		$550.00

Since the last meeting of the General Synod, the following Synods only have contributed to the Fund:

English Synod of Ohio,	$13.75	
Synod of Illinois,	27.00	
Synod of Northern Illinois,	44.50	
Wittenberg Synod of Ohio,	57.75	
		$143.00

Your attention is called to the fact, that since the last meeting of the General Synod, the appropriations have exceeded the income, and that the fund in the hands of the Treasurer has been reduced $99.55 since the last report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. KURTZ,
Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1866.

The report was received.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Pastor's Fund be directed to collect the amount of the Bond given by —— ——, in favor of said Fund, as soon as they can.

The Treasurer of the Pastor's Fund next reported.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PASTORS' FUND.

Lewis L. Houpt, Treasurer, in Account with the Pastors' Fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Dr. To balance on hand, last Report,				$198.72
" Cash received from Synods.	English Synod of Ohio,	1864,	$13.75	143.00
	Synod of Illinois,	"	14.00	
	Synod of Northern Illinois,	"	44.50	
	Wittenberg Synod of Ohio,	"	35.75	
	Synod of Illinois,	1865,	13.00	
	Wittenberg Synod of Ohio,	"	22.00	
" Cash received from "A Friend," at Pittsburg,				25.00
" " " 2 years' Interest on $700 U. States Loan, (Interest in gold $84,)				134.65
" " " Dr. Gilbert, 2 yrs. Interest on $1200, to Apr. 1st,				144.00
" " " Interest on Money deposited,				5.85
Amount,				$651.22

Cr. By Cash Paid,			
Mrs. V. G.,	$ 50.00		
" L. G.,	100.00		
" C. J.,	100.00		
" C. H.,	100.00		
" C. T.,	100.00		
Rev. B.,	100.00		
		$550.00	
Exp. Charges on $57.75 (Wittenberg Syn'd,)		2.05	
			$552.05
Balance on hand,			99.17

LEWIS L. HOUPT,
Treasurer.

ASSETS OF THE PASTORS' FUND

OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 17, 1866.

Amount of Cash on hand,	$ 99.17
" invested in U. S. Bonds, with interest at 6 per cent., payable in gold,	700.00
" in hands of Dr. D. Gilbert, secured by Bond and Mortgage in Phil'a.,	1200.00
Whole Amount,	$1999.17

LEWIS L. HOUPT,
Treasurer.

The Report was accepted, and referred to the following *Committee.*—F. W. Keil, Esq., and Hon. C. Kugler.

DELEGATES TO OTHER ECCLESIASTICAL BODIES.

Delegates were now appointed to represent this Synod in the higher ecclesiastical organizations of other denominations.

To the German Reformed General Synod: Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D.; alternate, Rev. A. C. Wedekind.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (*N. S.:*) Rev. J. G. Butler; alternate, Rev. J. A. Kunkelman.

To the Moravian Synod: Rev. A. H. Lochman, D. D.; alternate, S. W. Harkey, D. D.

To the Evangelical Church Union of the West: Rev. F. Herold; alternate, Rev. S. Liese.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The following persons were announced as constituting the Committee on Foreign Correspondence: Rev. Prof. S. S. Schmucker, D. D., Rev. Prof. S. Sprecher, D. D., Rev. Prof. C. A. Hay, D. D., Rev. E. W. Hutter, and Rev. Prof. S. W. Harkey, D. D.

Rev. J. Crouse reported on behalf of the Committee on Mileage. The report was re-committed until after the report on the Hymn Book Committee's report shall have been received.

Mr. C. Kugler read the following:

REPORT ON ACCOUNT OF TREASURER OF PASTORS' FUND.

The Committee appointed to examine the Account of the Treasurer of the Pastors' Fund, respectfully report, that they have attended to that duty, compared it with the vouchers, and find it to be correct, as stated.

CHARLES KUGLER,
F. W. KEIL.

Adopted.

The Synod adjourned.

United in prayer with Rev. R. Adelberg.

SIXTH DAY.—SECOND SESSION

WEDNESDAY, 4½ o'clock, P. M., May 23d.

Immediately after the Publication Society had adjourned, the Synod resumed its business.

Prayer by Rev. H. Eggers.

DR. SEISS' STATEMENT AND PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO APPEAR TOGETHER.

Resolved, That the statement of Dr. Seiss now handed in, and the President's reply, be inserted in the appropriate place.

TRUSTEES OF PASTORS' FUND.

William M. Heyl and Fred'k V. Beisel, Esqs., were appointed Trustees of the Pastors' Fund Society. The Board, therefore, now consists of the following named persons, viz:

Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D.,	time	expires in	1868
" E. W. Hutter,	"	"	1868
" L. E. Albert,	"	"	1870
Mr. W. W. Kurtz,	"	"	1870
" W. M. Heyl,	"	"	1872
" F. V. Beisel,	"	"	1872

RESUMED THE REPORT ON HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The consideration of the report on the Hymn Book Committee's report was resumed.

Request to Publication Society.

Resolved, That the Publication Society be requested to pay into the Treasury of the General Synod, the amount due from sales of Hymn Book, up to January 1st, 1866—$1267.84.

The paragraph next to the last in order was not adopted.

[See report in morning's proceedings.]

The report, thus amended, was adopted.

The Mileage Committee again presented their Report.

REPORT OF MILEAGE COMMITTEE.

The Mileage Committee report, that in order to pay the mileage of the members, it would require about three thousand dollars, and should the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod be also paid, three hundred and fifty dollars additional; making a total of three thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars. As the Treasurer of the Synod has only one thousand dollars in hand, they recommend the payment of thirty per cent. of the claims for mileage.

The report was accepted, and the following resolution was offered and adopted as a substitute for the recommendation of the report.

TREASURER TO BORROW MONEY.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sufficient amount of money to enable him to pay the delegates their mileage in full.

MILEAGE ALLOWED TO PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S DELEGATES.

Resolved, That the mileage of the brethren claiming to be delegates from the Pennsylvania Synod be allowed.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE TREASURY.

Resolved, That the congregations which have taken up collections for the expenses of the General Synod, be requested to forward the same immediately to the Treasurer, and that those congregations which have not yet taken up collections, be requested to do so at once; also that the Secretary be instructed to give notice of this request in all the church papers.

Resolved, That the same request be repeated which was made to all the congregations two years ago, that about the 1st of April of each year, they take up collections for the Treasury of this Synod, and that the Secretary give notice of the same each year, in the church papers.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening.

Prayer by Rev. G. Bassler.

SIXTH DAY.—THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock, May 23d.

The Synod was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. Lefler.

WESTERN CONFERENCE OF FRANCKEAN SYNOD.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Synod, the existence of an organized branch of the Franckean Synod, at so great a distance, and within the bounds of another Synod, as in the case of their Western Conference, is not in accordance with ecclesiastical order, and that we strongly advise the Franckean Synod to dissolve that distant organization, and direct the ministers now composing it, to apply for admission to those Synods within whose bounds they may reside.

During the discussion of the foregoing, the following statement was rendered in accordance with the request of the Synod, made on Monday:

STATEMENT OF THE FRANCKEAN SYNOD'S DELEGATION.

The delegation of the Franckean Synod, would make the following statement, in reply to the resolution of inquiry of the General Synod.

1. The Franckean Evangelical Lutheran Synod, has been in existence twenty-nine years. The Constitution authorizes a division of the Synod into Conferences, investing them with certain well-defined rights, for the exercise of which they are responsible to Synod.

2. Each Conference is required to report to Synod, at the time of the annual meeting, all its business transactions, in order to be reviewed for approval or rejection.

3. The Western Conference was first organized eighteen or nineteen years ago, growing out of the necessity of previous missionary operations in the field; and the present members of the Conference are the following brethren: Bros. R. Smith, C. Sans, J. P. Hiester, E. Fair, S. Spyker, and A. S. Timerman.

4. It requires a majority of the members to form a quorum to transact business.

Delegation,
N. VAN ALSTINE,
M. W. EMPIE,
M. KLING,
P. S. CROSS,
JOSEPH ULINE,
ABRAHAM WALRATH.

This paper was ordered to be entered on the record.

COMMITTEE ON DEATH OF REV. B. KELLER.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Hutter be appointed to prepare a minute with reference to the death of our revered father in Christ, the Rev. B. Keller.

GENERAL SYNOD'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION ELECTED.

The following persons were elected to represent the General Synod in the Board of Publication: Rev. E. W. Hutter and Rev. J. H. Heck.

Rev. Dr. S. Sprecher read the report of the Committee no Ecclesiastical Correspondence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ECCLESIASTICAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee find recorded in the minutes of the last Convention, the appointment of the following delegates to other Ecclesiastical bodies:

To the German Reformed General Synod: principal, Rev. D. Steck; alternate, Rev. Prof. Diehl.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church: principal, Rev. Dr. Sprecher; alternate, Rev. D. Steck.

To the Moravian Synod: principal, Rev. A. C. Wedekind; alternate, Rev. C. A. Hay, D.D.

To the German Evangelical Church Union of the West: principal, Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D.; alternate, Rev. W. H. Harrison, D.D.

Your Committee suggest that these delegates be requested to report. There are no delegates from other ecclesiastical bodies present at this Convention.

But Rev. F. R. Holland, the delegate from the Moravian Synod sends a letter, expressing his regret that he is providentially prevented from meeting with us, together with the fraternal greetings of the Synod which he represents. A similar letter has been received from Rev. J. Few Smith, D.D., delegate of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in which he expressed very fully the kind sentiments entertained by that church towards this body, and to all evangelical Christians, and gives an interesting account of the work of God in their connection. The Committee suggest that these letters be read in the hearing of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

S. SPRECHER,
J. A KUNKELMAN,
GOTTLIEB BASSLER,
A. W. LILLY.

The report was adopted, and the letters read.

Dr. Sprecher rendered a

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The delegate from this body to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, respectfully reports, that he met with that Body at the city of Dayton, Ohio, shortly after his appointment, and that he was most cordially received, that the fraternal greetings of this body were most heartily responded to by the moderator of the Assembly, and that on your delegate's quoting, in his address, the Article of the Constitution of this General Synod, inculcating

the duty of Christian union, as one of the earliest instances, if not the very first, of an ecclesiastical body's formally expressing such sentiments on this subject, he was pleasantly interrupted by a hearty expression of applause. (Signed,) SAM'L. SPRECHER.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

An election was now entered into, to fix the place and time for the next meeting of the Synod. Invitations were received from the cities of Harrisburg and Washington. The tellers reported, the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the place, and the third Thursday of May, 1868, as the time.

It was decided to adjourn, to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. S. Sprecher.

SEVENTH DAY.—FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8 o'clock, A. M., May 24th, 1866.

The Synod opened with prayer by Rev. E. Breidenbaugh.

PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO DR. SEISS, RECEIVED.

The President presented to the Synod, in written form, his reply to the Pennsylvania Synod's delegation. It is placed in the proper connection.

Rev. Prof. Schmucker, D.D., read, on behalf of the Committee appointed for the purpose, the following

MEMORIAL ON BENJAMIN KURTZ, D.D., LL.D.

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Head of the Church, in the interim since the last meeting of this Synod, to remove from our midst our beloved Brother, the Rev. B. Kurtz, D.D., LL.D., and it is just that we place on record a testimonial of our high estimate of his services; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That by this afflicting dispensation the Lutheran Church has lost one of her oldest, most faithful, and successful ministers; the General Synod, one of her earliest, ablest, and most constant defenders; and the cause of Protestantism and Evangelical piety in our country, one of its most enlightened and fearless advocates.

2. *Resolved*, That whilst we regret that we shall see his face no more amongst us, we feel grateful that a kind Providence permitted him to live and labor so many years, for the best interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and in his declining years, as well as in the hour of his departure, to bear testimony to the excellence and sufficiency of that Divine Redeemer, in whom living, he had trusted.

3. *Resolved*, That we tender our warmest sympathies to his afflicted family, and commend them to the consolations of that Saviour, who safely conducted their departed parent through the valley of the shadow of death.

4. *Resolved*, That these resolutions be incorporated with the Minutes of the General Synod, a copy to be sent for publication to the editors of our church papers, and to the bereaved family of the deceased.

S. S. SCHMUCKER,
JNO. McCRON,
C. F. HEYER.

It was adopted by a rising vote.

HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Synod proceeded to ballot for a Hymn Book Committee. The gentlemen elected are Messrs. I. Sulger, C. Kugler, M. Buehler, T. N. Kurtz, and C. F. Norton.

PROTEST PRESENTED.

Rev. Dr. Passavant read a protest against the action of the Synod in the case of the Synod of Pennsylvania.

Protest.

The undersigned delegates of various Synods, connected with the General Synod, having cast their votes against the final action of this Body, as regards the Pennsylvania Synod, respectfully ask leave to place on record the reasons which led them thus to vote, and at the same time, they solemnly, and in the fear of God, protest against this action, as, in their judgment, irregular, and contrary both to the Constitution of the Synod and the law of equity as revealed in the word of God.

And, *First*, we protest against the decision of the retiring President, afterwards sustained by a majority of the delegates, by which the Pennsylvania Synod was declared as not being "in practical relations" to the General Synod, and consequently not entitled to any part in its organization, as *an unwarranted assumption* of power, because;

1. The name of the Pennsylvania Synod was on the official roll of Synods which had been furnished this Body by the retiring Secretary, and after the withdrawal of the Pennsylvania delegates from the Convention in York, the Synod itself is expressly recognized in an official paper as an integral part of the General Synod. In our judgment, therefore, the presiding officer was in duty bound to receive the credentials of the Pennsylvania Synod at the proper time.

2. Because the Constitution and By-laws give him no power whatever to exclude Synods, or even to decide as to their relations to the General Synod, but merely make it his duty "to decide on the validity of the credentials of delegates."

3. The reason given by the Chair, and sustained by the majority, for such refusal to call the names of all the Synods on the official roll, that the Pennsylvania Synod, by the withdrawal of its delegation from the Convention in York, placed itself out of governing relations to the General Synod—is not a

valid one—*as such withdrawal from the sessions was merely the exercise of a right which was freely conceded by the General Synod to the Pennsylvania Synod at the time of its reception in Winchester, and which was never objected to, either before or on the occasion of its exercise.* The retirement of the Pennsylvania delegation from the further sessions of the Synod in York could not, therefore, affect the relations of that Synod to the General Synod—the sole object of this act being, as officially expressed, "in order to report to their own Synod at its approaching Convention."

4. Even if the Pennsylvania Synod afterwards, by a formal act of separation, had sundered its connection with the General Synod, the President could not, by his own ruling, know this and act upon it, until officially notified of such separation.

5. If such a principle is established, it is placed in the power of any future retiring President to rule "out of practical relations" any Synod or number of Synods he may deem proper thus to designate, and a majority of the remaining delegates, by sustaining him, may keep out such Synod or Synods until the Convention is organized, and so long thereafter as they may deem advisable; or may even refuse to give them the rights which belong to all the constituent parts of this Synod, except on conditions which it was known beforehand could never be consented to, without the setting aside of solemn compacts between brethren, or the sacrifice of Christian principle.

And, *Secondly*, we solemnly protest against the final action of this Body in the case of the Pennsylvania Synod, because, that notwithstanding the most satisfactory evidence officially communicated on the floor of this house, that the Pennsylvania Synod was, at the time of the organization, and continues to be, an integral part of this Body, its original relations unchanged, and all its guarantied rights intact, it has now finally been resolved that the previous action of this Convention, in disfranchising it, is "both regular and constitutional," a course of procedure which, in our judgment, is wholly without precedent in law and sanction in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Its inevitable consequence must be a future, fraught with the most serious results to the Church of God.

A. WETZEL, R. ADELBERG, G. W. SCHMUCKER, ROB. NEUMANN.	*Of the Ministerium of the State of N. York.*
W. A. PASSAVANT, W. BERKEMEIER, GOTTLIEB BASSLER, THOS. H. LEAN, LEWIS KIM.	*Pittsburg Synod.*
JOHN RUGAN, U. JESSE KNISELY, P. WILLIAMS, P. KENNEDY.	*English Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.*
A. AXLINE, W. T. STROBEL, J. A. SPIELMAN.	*English Synod of Iowa.*

W. P. RUTHRAUFF, H. J. RUDISILL, N. B. FREEMAN. } *Synod of Northern Indiana.*
G. FACHTMANN, *Synod of Minnesota.*
LEWIS HIPPEE, *Hartwick Synod, New York.*
EDWARD ROESSLER, *Synod of Illinois.*

The protest was ordered to be placed on the Minutes, and a Committee was appointed to reply to it.

Committee.—Rev. Prof. J. Swartz, Rev. Prof. C. A. Hay, D.D., Rev. Prof. L. Sternberg, D.D., D. A. Buehler, Esq., and Col. W. F. Wagenseller.

Prof. Swartz read the following

REPORT ON MEMORIAL CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the proposed Memorial Church at Washington City, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, It seems to us, after considering the claims of the movement so auspiciously initiated by our Lutheran Church in Washington, to build a church in the capital of our great nation, which shall be worthy not only of our Lutheran Church, but especially as a monument of the loyalty of our Church and of our gratitude to God for his kindly interposition in saving our nation from disruption and ruin, and which shall also answer an imperative demand for more room to accommodate our large and increasing membership and the numerous congregations which attend upon the ministration of the word in our church; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as a General Synod, heartily approve said movement, and desire its speedy and complete accomplishment, and that we will encourage contributions to this worthy object.

JOEL SWARTZ,
T. STORK,
T. NEWTON KURTZ.

After some explanatory remarks, by Rev. Mr. Butler and Mr. Pratt, of Washington City, the report was adopted.

Rev. J. G. Butler reported for the Committee on the State of the Church.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

From the reports of the several Synods, your Committee express the hope that in the future the mind and heart of the Church will be less engaged with matters of controversy, and more earnestly interested in the great work of developing the field in which God in his providence has placed us as laborers. They further cherish the hope that the time is not distant when, as we trust, there is now greater unity in our ecclesiastical life and purpose, there will also be greater conformity in our forms of Church service, in accordance with the teachings of God's word and the historic character of the Church of the Reformation.

The overthrow of the great rebellion since our last meeting, the deliverance of the land from slavery, which nerved the arm that threatened the nation's life; the disbanding of our armies, and the supremacy of law established, furnish ground for hope that the entire Church, North and South, when time shall have healed the nation's heart, may again meet upon common ground, to labor for the promotion of Christ's kingdom. The deliverances of this Synod, during those years of strife, have proceeded not from a sectional or vindictive spirit, but were inspired by love of truth and freedom, and the earnest purpose, as the Scriptures enjoin, to sustain the powers that be, which are ordained of God. Our hearts go out towards our brethren.

In all parts of our vast field there are evidences of the Divine blessing upon the labors of the Church. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. One of our Synods, in the spirit of the Master, meets our brethren of the common faith as from the emigrant ship they set foot upon our free soil, and furnishes, through a faithful man of God, the counsel and sympathy needed by strangers in a strange land. The Church, in the older States, is actively engaged in gathering in the children, preaching Christ to the people, building houses of worship and parsonages, whilst she is not unmindful wholly of the work of Ministerial Education, Home and Foreign Missions. Though in these departments she is not accomplishing a tithe of what might and should be done.

Far off in the new States and Territories, new centres of influence are being planted, and a living Christianity, through our agency, is making its lasting impressions, by God's blessing, upon the vigor of our Western life. So vast and rich is the field before us, that our chief regret is that these agencies cannot at once be multiplied a hundredfold. No branch of the Church of the Redeemer has, in this land, resources so abundant and so promising as the Church of the Reformation, had we but an adequate number of earnest, godly men to go in and gather the harvest for the Master.

A noble spirit of liberality is endowing our Theological and Literary Institutions, in which we rejoice, and pray that those who give so liberally and cheerfully of their substance may experience the blessedness of their privilege as a rich reward. But is it not the duty of the parents of the Church to consecrate their children to God in the work of the Gospel ministry? Are not the young men of our congregations needed by the Master, and called to turn aside from the paths of gain and worldly ambition, to the honorable, responsible and glorious work of laboring for souls? In our Sunday-schools and catechetical classes are there not many who should be made to weigh the question of duty, in view of the pressing demands for earnest workmen in our Lord's vineyard?

Whilst the spirit of benevolence has greatly improved among us, what millions of unconsecrated wealth are being treasured up against the day of final account! The Church is crippled in all her energies; as Lazarus, she lies at the rich man's gate, and receives only crumbs. "Will a man *rob* God? Yet ye have robbed Me." "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." As ministers of Him who, "though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor," must we not care-

fully and constantly educate our people to "*abound in this grace also*"? Your Committee are impressed with the conviction not only that we are able to do tenfold more than we have ever done for all the great objects of benevolence—Church Extension, Ministerial Education, Home and Foreign Missions, the Bible, Tract and Sunday-school, and our own Publication Society, as also for the Orphan and the Freedman—but that it is the solemn duty of every pastor to teach his people to be ready to every good work, to labor and pray, and give, as God has prospered him, that Christ's kingdom may come.

Many of our churches are rejoicing in special seasons of grace, refreshings from on high, revivals of religion, in which sinners are converted, whilst God's people are awakening to new life. In view of the Divine promises, this should not be considered surprising, where the word is faithfully preached, and God's house is indeed a house of *prayer*. And more especially should we expect the continuance of these refreshings because of the nation's baptism of tears and blood, all through which the truth has been scattered, in the hospital and upon the tented field, as well as at home, followed by the importunate prayers of parents, wives and children. Your Committee urge upon all the churches the solemn duty of sustaining the prayer-meeting, whilst the regular offering upon the closet and family altars must not be omitted. God is a God of covenant, and it is only faithfulness, upon our part, to his word and ordinances, the daily consecration of ourselves, our families and our churches to Him, that will make us that living power which the Church of the Reformation should be in this land. Thus shall we be prepared to give account of our stewardship. May He fill us with his Holy Spirit, and bring us all into sympathy with our Living Head, in the great work of the world's evangelization!

Your Committee reaffirm the recommendations of the following Standing Resolutions of the General Synod:

On Stated Days and Festivals.

Resolved, 1. That the churches in connection with the General Synod be recommended to observe our regular ecclesiastical festivals, in commemoration of the fundamental facts of our religion, viz.? Christmas, Good-Friday, Easter, Ascension-Day, and Whit-Sunday, in the hope and persuasion that, by the Divine blessing, they will be found to be, as they have often proved, occasions of reviving to our congregations.

Resolved, 2. That it be recommended to the ministers and churches in our connection to celebrate the Thirty-first of October in each year, in commemoration of the commencement of the Reformation.

Resolved, 3. That we recommend to all our pastors the observance of the first Monday in January of each year, as a day of special humiliation and prayer, on which to humble themselves, with their people, before Almighty God, penitently confessing their sins, and earnestly imploring the outpouring of the Spirit on our churches, our missionary operations and the whole world.

Resolved, 4. That we recommend most earnestly that the last Thursday of February of every year be observed by the churches as a day of prayer for the blessing of God upon the work of the Ministry, especially in its relation to the baptized children of the Church, and for the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon the youth of the land, particularly those who are in course of

training in the various institutions of learning in our country and the world. They further recommend the yearly observance of the first week in January, in common with the great church catholic, as a season of special prayer for the outpouring of God's Spirit upon the Church and upon the world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GEO. BUTLER,	J. KELLER,
E. GREENWALD,	C. B. THUEMMEL,
E. BREIDENBAUGH,	L. M. KUHNS,
L. STERNBERG,	J. RUGAN,
R. NEUMANN,	D. KLOSS,
C. L. EHRENFELD,	H. WILES,
L. A. GOTWALD,	A. AXLINE,
A. HELWIG,	H. G. BOWERS,
M. W. HAMMA,	M. SHEELEIGH,
B. C. SUESSEROTT,	C. F. HEYER,

N. VAN ALSTINE.

The Report was adopted.

COMMITTEE TO CORRESPOND WITH SOUTHERN SYNODS.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by this Synod to enter into correspondence with those Synods in the South, formerly represented in this Body, with a view to the restoration of the fraternal and ecclesiastical relations that once existed among us.

Committee.—Rev. Prof. L. Sternberg, D.D., Rev. J. G. Butler, Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D., Rev. W. H. Harrison, D.D., and Rev. M. Officer.

PROPOSITION TO REVISE THE CONSTITUTION.

Whereas our Church needs more concentration in the work of Christian benevolence and uniformity in her devotions, therefore,

Resolved, That the principal work intrusted to the General Synod shall be that of Home and Foreign Missions, the General interests of Education, providing our Church with a well-qualified and godly ministry, and the management of all our benevolent operations which require the aid and support of the whole Church, also to provide our Church with its devotional literature, such as its Hymn Books, Liturgy and Catechisms, and in general to do those things which require the efforts and wisdom, and pertain to the interests, of the entire Church.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be now appointed, whose

duty it shall be, upon the basis of its present Constitution and the principles set forth in the preceding resolutions, to prepare an amended and revised Constitution, to be submitted at the next regular meeting of this Body.

Committee.—Rev. Drs. Harkey, Greenwald, Schmucker, Sprecher and Brown.

The Committee on the last printed Minutes of the General Synod, reported.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee, to whom were referred the Minutes of the last General Synod, respectfully report, that they find but two items requiring the attention of this Synod, which have not yet been reported upon; viz: the proposed amendments to the Constitution, page 38, and the re-commitment of the report on the German Hymn Book, page 48.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. HAY,
J. A. KUNKELMAN,
E. C. BENDER.

Accepted.

INQUIRY AS TO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The roll of Synods was now called, to ascertain the action of the several Synods, upon the proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the General Synod.

During the calling, it was

Resolved, That, without reference to the question of the present relation of the Synod of Pennsylvania to the General Synod, we have learned from the printed Minutes of that body, that it has adopted both the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the General Synod.

AMENDMENTS REPORTED ADOPTED.

The reports of the Synods showed that the first amendment, relating to the ratio of representation, was adopted by twenty-one yeas to one nay; and that the second amendment was adopted by eighteen yeas to four nays.

The Secretary being instructed to print the amendments in the Minutes, they are here given:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

(*Adopted.*)

1. Amendment to Article II., in relation to the ratio of representation. Strike out the second paragraph of said Article and insert the following:

"Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod containing eight ministers may send one; if it contain sixteen, two; if twenty-four, three; if thirty-two, four; if forty, five; if fifty-five, six; if seventy, seven; if eighty-five, eight; and if it contain one hundred and upwards, nine delegates of the rank of ordained ministers, and an equal number of lay delegates. Each Synod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay representative."

2. Amendment to Article III., Sec. 3, in relation to the admission of Synods. Strike out Section 3, and insert the following:

"All regularly constituted Lutheran Synods, not now in connection with the General Synod, receiving and holding, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of our fathers, the Word of God, as contained in the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession, as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the Divine Word, and of the faith of our Church founded upon that Word, may at any time become associated with the General Synod, by complying with the requisitions of this Constitution, and sending delegates to its Convention according to the ratio specified in Article II."

CONCERNING A GERMAN HYMN BOOK.

Dr. Schmucker, chairman of the Committee, made a verbal statement, that no further communication had been received from Dr. Schaeffer on the subject, and that in the existing state of things, nothing could be done in reference to it at present.

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Theological and Literary Institutions, have permission to incorporate into his report such statements concerning them, as he may receive, after adjournment, from the officers of the same.

REPORT ON LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Committee on Literary and Theological Institutions beg leave to present the following statements, furnished by representatives of the respective institutions named:

Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg.—Pennsylvania College is now about one-third of a century old. It was founded especially for the youth in the Lutheran Church, and generally to aid in the work of higher education throughout the land. This work it has accomplished, in its sphere, with commendable success. She has given to the church a large majority of her most influential and successful ministers. She has officered the principal colleges, theological seminaries, and grammar schools of the church; whilst her graduates, and those who were educated by her, without graduation, are occupying honorable and influential positions in the halls of legislation, at the bar, on the bench, in the school-room, and in other walks of useful life.

She is now recovering from the baleful influence of the Rebellion, which her sons, with others, aided to suppress. The current year, the roll of students, in both departments, numbers one hundred and fifty-four. The endowment fund has been greatly increased, by the judicious liberality of Rev. J. E. Graeff, of Philadelphia, Messrs. A. F. and G. P. Ockershausen, and Rev. V. L. Conrad, of New York, Mr. C. A. Morris of York, Rev. F. Benedict, of Bedford, and others; so that the Board of Trustees has been enabled to enlarge the course of instruction, and increase the corps of Professors.

In addition to this, they have enlarged the cabinet of minerals, by the purchase of the Seymour Cabinet, of New York, one of the rarest and most valuable collections in the country. They have also renewed and greatly enlarged the chemical and philosophical apparatus, so that in this department, the Professors are prepared to illustrate the truths of science, by experiments at once brilliant and satisfactory. Among the instruments recently purchased is a telescope, of nine and a half feet focal length, and four and a half inches aperture, and equatorially mounted, so that it is adapted, not only to observation, but astronomical measurement.

This College claims and asks for the patronage of the church in Pennsylvania, and portions of States adjacent, East and South.

Wittenberg College, Ohio.—Since the last meeting of the General Synod, this Institution has been enjoying a degree of prosperity unequalled in any period of its previous history. After the close of the war, many of the young men who, at the call of their country, had abandoned their studies to participate in the suppression of the rebellion, have now returned, and, in connection with the new students that have come in, have increased our number from 156—the catalogue number last year—to above 200, the present attendance.

Our endowment is going on most encouragingly, being now in all over $100,000. Quite recently there have been collected from the citizens of Springfield, about $8,000, for the completion of the college edifice and the improvement of the surrounding grounds. This year we graduate a class of 16, 15 of whom are professors of religion. This Institution has sent forth

one hundred ministerial laborers into the Master's vineyard, being fifteen less than the entire number of our graduates. During the last few years, but few young men have applied for beneficiary aid; now, however, more are seeking such assistance than receive it.

Illinois State University.—This Institution is at present in a better condition than it has been at any time since the commencement of the war. The number of students during the past year, was 70, nearly all from abroad, (and crowding the building to its utmost capacity,) 10 of whom were candidates for the ministry. The debt has been somewhat reduced, and a new effort is now in progress, by which it will, in the confident expectation of its friends, be entirely paid before the close of the present year. Its present Faculty are, S. W. Harkey, D.D., President, and Professor of Theology and of Intellectual and Moral Science; Rev. B. C. Suesserott, A.M., Professor of the Greek and Latin languages; L. F. M. Easterday, A.M., Professor of Mathematics; Noah Hodge, A.M., Principal of the Preparatory Department; and J. J. Cook, A.M., Tutor.

We need additional buildings, and at least a partial endowment. The citizens of Springfield and Sangamon County, it is believed, will furnish the means needed to erect the additions to our building; and we hope the Church will, at no distant day, furnish the endowment.

Hartwick Seminary, State of New York.—This, our oldest Theological Seminary, continues to prosper in its work of preparing men for the gospel ministry. Its last Catalogue shows two students in Theology, and nine in the Preparatory Department. Since the last meeting of the General Synod, Prof. Levi Sternberg, D.D., has resigned as Principal, and he has been succeeded by Rev. William N. Scholl. At the same meeting of the Trustees that elected Mr. Scholl, it was resolved to increase the endowment of the Institution fifty thousand dollars; and the new Principal entered with energy upon the work of raising that sum. He has succeeded in securing half the amount, with a good prospect of getting the balance, if not even more. This, added to the eighteen thousand dollars, its present endowment, would make an aggregate of sixty-eight thousand dollars.

This fall, the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Institution will be celebrated. Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D., will deliver a historical address, and Rev. W. Hull will read a poem. Rev. Dr. G. B. Miller, the able and beloved Professor of Theology, continues his labors in that Department. His golden wedding will be celebrated the present summer.

May the Lord prosper the efforts to make this school of the prophets more efficient, by adding to its endowment and corps of instructors!

Theological Seminary, Gettysburg.—The Constitution of our Seminary making provision for a report of the condition of this Institution, to each successive session of the General Synod, as President of the Board of Directors I beg leave to submit the following:

Since the last report, made to the Synod convened at York, important changes have taken place, affecting the interests of our beloved Institution—some, rather adversely, and others, we trust, beneficially. The establishing of another institution on this our territory, and the withdrawal of one of our Professors, without the constitutionally required notice, taking with him stu-

dents who naturally were attached to him, left us, as may be supposed, with but a limited number of students. Influences have been set at work, and representations made, calculated to place our beloved Institution in a prejudicial light before the Church, as being un-Lutheran and not true to the historic faith of the Church. This may for awhile operate somewhat against us. But as the tree is known by its fruits, we are willing to be judged by our past record and by our honest endeavors for the future, and are determined, by the help of the Master, to obey the injunction of the great Apostle: (Tit. i. 9.) "Holding fast the faithful word as *ye have* been taught, that *ye* may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."

Since our last report, the venerable S. S. Schmucker, D.D., who was instrumental in the establishment of this Institution, and labored therein most faithfully for thirty-eight years, resigned his position as active Professor; and three others have been elected—Rev. J. A. Brown, D.D., Rev. C. A. Hay, D.D., and Rev. M. Valentine. These men are in every respect qualified for the positions to which the Lord, through the Church, has called them, and are entitled to the entire confidence of the Church. They are not new to the Church; they are men who have been tried—in whose piety and ability, and devotedness to the interests of our Zion, all have the utmost confidence. The venerable Dr. C. P. Krauth, Sen., is still devoting all his energies to the duties devolving upon him. With such men at the head, if we continue in the future to look to, and trust confidently in the great Master—as has been done in the past—we cannot fail. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

The Seminary building has been thoroughly repaired, the rooms are being refurnished, and adequate additions and repairs are in progress on the Professors' houses. Valuable additions have been made to the library. Some sixty thousand dollars have been added to the endowment fund. Thirteen students have been in attendance during the present year.

This Institution has been, as all must acknowledge, a great blessing to the Church. It has never in the least changed, or departed from, its confessional stand-point. It has ever advocated and fostered an enlightened, sanctified, active, progressive Church life and feeling, in opposition to an extreme formalism, ritualism, and symbolism. And thus, I trust, it ever will do.

Our fervent prayer is that the Lord may bless our beloved Institution in the future as he has done in the past, make it a fountain of salvation to the Church, and from it send forth laborers into his vineyard—workmen approved unto God, that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

(This report was prepared by Rev. Dr. A. H. Lochman, President of the Board of Directors.)

Missionary Institute.—The Missionary Institute, located at Selinsgrove, Pa., is quietly pursuing its work, having, in the course of the few years of its existence, sent out about thirty-five ministers of the Gospel of Christ, most of whom are doing a good work. The services of the graduating class of this spring are already engaged, and there is demand for more. There are at present eleven theological students in the Institute, which number would be larger but for the fact that several left this school, as well as the classical school connected therewith, during the war, and laid down their lives in defence of their country. An effort has been commenced to endow a Professor-

ship in the institution, and thus far about fifteen thousand dollars have been secured.

The Classical department connected herewith, under the charge of the Rev. Prof. Born and his able assistants, is in quite a flourishing condition, having at this time about one hundred students attending its sessions. Quite a revival of religion has been going on in this department, which has resulted in a number of hopeful conversions.

During the present scholastic year, the number of students in both departments was one hundred and thirty-eight. Both departments are in a prosperous condition. One of the great desiderata now is an additional building; ten or twelve applications having been rejected for want of room.

Susquehanna Female College.—In the Susquehanna Female College, located at Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, a very great and good work of grace has been going on for several months, and numbers of conversions are reported.

Rev. Prof. S. Domer, who has charge of this school, aided by a corps of able and earnest teachers, is well calculated for this position; and, instead of only about one hundred pupils, he ought to have had considerably more if space allowed; but it is confidently expected that an addition will be made to the building, to accommodate the increased number asking for admission. It is indeed gratifying to see the great interest manifested by the Lutheran Church, in this part of the country, in the education of their daughters.

Fairfield College, Iowa.—This Institution is now in as prospercus a condition as at any time heretofore. The average number of pupils in attendance during the last year has been about one hundred. The friends of the Institution are greatly encouraged, and trust that it will ultimately be a great blessing to the Church, as well as to the community in which it is located.

Iowa Lutheran College.—This College is located in the centre of the State of Iowa. The prospects of success, as a classical institution, are favorable. Whether it shall become a power for good in our Church, depends upon future developments. If we can harmonize, as we hope and believe we may, and if the Church will lend its helping hand, the way is open to make it a great centre of influence for good.

Mendota College, Illinois.—This Institution has been in existence for more than nine years. Its Preparatory Department was opened in the spring of 1857, in the Lutheran Church. The College building was erected in 1857, and the Institution was chartered in the winter of 1858 under the name of "Mendota College;" and is therefore empowered to graduate students through all the studies of a regular College Curriculum, and confer degrees. It has a Male and a Female Department, and the highest number of pupils in attendance was during the past year, in which there were eighty-two Females and sixty Males—in all, one hundred and forty-three.

It occupies a beautiful and healthy location in near proximity to the corporation limits. The town of Mendota is situated at the intersection of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad with the Illinois Central Railroad, and contains a population of between four thousand and five thousand inhabitants. A more eligible situation for an Institution of learning cannot be found in the "Prairie State."

Its Faculty consists of Rev. W. H. Wynn and Prof. J. B. Corbett, Principals; Mrs. Lizzie C. Wynn, Superintendent of Domestic Duties; Mrs. Maud Hartley Jones, Assistant; Miss Clara Augustine, Teacher of Music; Mrs. Lillian P. Smith, Teacher of Painting and Drawing; Rev. D. Harbaugh, Financial Agent.

The Committee regret that some of the statements are so meagre, and that their efforts to secure reports from other institutions have proved unavailing.

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. CONRAD,
G. W. SCHMUCKER,
H. W. KUHNS,
J. EVANS,
A. M. GEIGER,
J. E. HERBST,
W. F. WAGENSELLER.

DEVELOPMENT OF LUTHER'S SMALLER CATECHISM.

The paper which follows was presented in the name of the Synod of New Jersey.

"*Whereas*, There is deeply felt in our church, whose strength and glory have ever consisted, in no small degree, in her blessed system of catechetical instruction, a growing want of a more specific and detailed development of our good old Catechism for children and youth, which shall meet the demands of these Sunday School days; and,

"*Whereas*, We hold that the unity, peace, and prosperity of the Church appear to require that we should as far as practicable look to the General Synod for our books of public devotion and instruction, which we are also encouraged by the Constitution of that body to do; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That our delegates to the next meeting of the General Synod, be hereby instructed to ask that body to prepare and publish, in English and German, editions of Luther's Smaller Catechism, with a system of supplementary and illustrative questions and answers, in which the doctrines and duties of religion shall be minutely presented in a clear, simple, succinct manner, for the use of our families, schools, and catechetical classes."

According to their instructions, as thus recited from the last Minutes of the Synod of New Jersey, the delegates of said Synod earnestly ask the General Synod to adopt this important request.

Respectfully submitted,

M. SHEELEIGH,
E. C. WILLET.

The request was adopted, and a committee appointed to prepare the work.

Committee.—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., Rev. C. A. Hay, D.D., and Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

TO PUBLISH PROPOSITIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATES.

Resolved, That the final propositions of the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod to this body be published in our Minutes. [Placed in the proper connection.]

MINUTES ORDERED TO BE PUBLISHED.

Resolved, That fifteen hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Convention be published under the direction of the Secretary, and distributed in the usual manner.

Resolved, That the editors of our German papers be kindly requested to present in their respective publications, an abstract of our proceedings.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the several pastors of Fort Wayne be requested to tender the cordial acknowledgments of this Synod to the citizens of this place and vicinity, for the generous entertainment and the many courtesies extended to the members of this body and visiting brethren.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to present the thanks of the Synod, to the officers of the various railroad companies that have favored us by granting our delegates free return tickets.

Resolved, That the Synod express its acknowledgments to Mr. L. L. Houpt, for his kindness in negotiating the above arrangements.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to its Officers, for the faithfulness and impartiality with which they have discharged their several duties, during this Convention.

With the expiration of the morning, the Synod adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Prayer was offered, Dr. E. Greenwald leading.

SEVENTH DAY.—SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 24th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod re-assembled at the appointed hour.

Rev. S. A. Holman offered prayer.

The Minutes being read, they were adopted.

LITURGIC COMMITTEE ENLARGED AND INSTRUCTED.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Liturgic Committee be continued, and be enlarged by adding thereto Rev. Drs. Brown, Hay and Conrad, with instruction to complete the form of Public Worship for the Lord's Day, as soon as convenient, and publish a provisional copy of the same, for the use of the Church.

The Committee will hereafter consist of S. S. Schmucker, D. D., H. N. Pohlman, D. D., J. G. Morris, D. D., S. Sprecher, D. D., T. Stork, D. D., J. A. Brown, D. D., C. A. Hay, D. D. and F. W. Conrad, D. D.

Resolved, That the Committee improve the Liturgy, and refer it to the next General Synod.

REVISION OF THE HYMN-BOOK.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That it is the impression of this Synod that our Hymn Book needs revision.

Resolved, that a Committee of five be appointed to revise our Hymn Book, and report the result of their labors at the next General Synod.

The Synod proceeded to ballot for a Hymn Book Committee. Tellers, Rev. S. A. Holman, Rev. C. L. Streamer. They announced as the

Committee.—Hon. G. W. Raff, Rev. C. A. Stork, Rev. A. J. Weddell, Rev. M. Valentine, Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D. D.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTION.

Whereas, Intemperance is a great evil, seriously retarding the progress of the Kingdom of Christ, and bringing incalculable evils on society, and,

Whereas, Every Christian must rejoice at the success of any proper efforts for its removal, therefore,

Resolved, That this General Synod views with great pleasure the success attending the recent earnest and well-directed efforts put forth by the friends of Temperance for the removal of Intemperance, and is glad to see our ministers and people co-operating with others in extending the principles of Temperance throughout our land.

REQUEST TO PUBLISHERS OF HYMN BOOK.

Resolved, That the publishers of our Hymn Book, be requested to have the recent Amendments to the Constitution of the General Synod inserted in all future editions of said Hymn Book.

ADDRESS CONCERNING CHURCH AT NASHVILLE.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Eggers be permitted to address the Synod, concerning his church at Nashville.

After listening to this Brother's impressive representations, it was

Resolved, That we have heard with much interest the statements of Rev. H. Eggers, pastor of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Nashville, Tennessee, with regard to the condition and wants of his church, and that we affectionately commend him to our people for aid in his efforts to build a house of worship in that city.

REPLY TO PROTEST.

Rev. Prof. Joel Swartz read, on behalf of the committee, a Reply to the Protest offered this morning.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Protest read by Dr. Passavant before this body, and signed by various members, against the action of the General Synod in the case of the Pennsylvania Synod, beg leave to submit the following answer:

The position of the protestants rests upon a mistake in regard to the nature and origin of the difficulty. They suppose that it has arisen from the exercise of the ordinary and legitimate rights of the members of an organized and representative body. Here is their capital mistake. What are those rights in such a body? They are evidently such only as can take place in the body, and compatibly with its existence; such as the right to speak, to vote, and, by calling for the ayes and nays, to have their votes recorded. If in the use of these rights they find themselves in a minority, the duty of loyalty requires them still to submit to the decisions expressed by the majority. If they regard the action as a violation of the Constitution, then they have still another right—that of respectful protest, and the recording of such protest upon the Minutes of the body, thus exonerating themselves from all responsibility for such action; but loyalty still demands submission. Beyond this, the integral parts of any organized and representative body cannot go, and still retain full and complete membership in it. If, however, they feel that they cannot submit even under protest, and, proceeding a step further, withdraw from the body, this act is incipient revolution, and of necessity disturbs the relations of such members with the body from whose sessions they secede, and forfeit their share in its governmental functions. When the body represented

by such retiring delegates makes their action its own, the revolution is complete. This last step severs all relations, and forfeits all rights of future membership. In accordance with these manifest principles, the organizing President of the present convention decided that "the Synod of Pennsylvania was out of practical relation with the General Synod," as the delegates of the former body had openly, and without permission, seceded from the sessions of the last General Synod at York. Furthermore, he was assured by official documents placed in his hands, that the Synod of Pennsylvania had authorized her delegation in a certain contingency, of the occurrence of which she constituted them the judges, to protest and withdraw from the sessions of the General Synod; and having no official knowledge of the Pennsylvania Synod's subsequent action, he ruled that this body could not admit her delegates to participate in the organization of this Convention, as no papers from such Synod could be examined and decided upon until the officers necessary to an organization could be elected. That is, this body could not entertain the application of delegates from a Synod having no practical relation to it, until the General Synod had a formal existence. For the absurdity of a body being capable of receiving a report before its organization, that is, before it exists, needs scarcely to be pointed out, and the ruling of the President, based upon this view of the case, distinctly stated, was, upon appeal, taken to the undisputed delegations, sustained by an overwhelming majority. If any thing further be necessary to illustrate the legitimacy of the President's ruling and its support by the Convention, it may be seen from the absurdity of admitting a principle contrary to it. Suppose that any number of members of the General Synod could withdraw, without permission, for any cause, and yet be regarded as entitled to all the rights and privileges of full membership, what would be the consequence? Why, since the Constitution requires a "majority of the deputies of a majority of the Synods attached to the General Synod" to "be present" before "business shall go on," then the very existence of this body might at any time be destroyed by the withdrawal of a majority of the members of the majority of the Synods, leaving the loyal minority without even the power of adjourning and appointing the time and place of a future meeting. Can it be possible that the General Synod is such a body? Is it credible that she has legitimated such a suicidal principle in her Constitution, or in her official action? And yet this is what is practically contended for by the protestants. Nay, on the contrary, it is a principle of common sense, and universally admitted, that the rights and privileges of a loyal minority in a body cannot be destroyed by the defection from it of a disloyal majority. Upon the indubitable principle, then, that when the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod withdrew from the sessions of the General Synod without its consent, they could not in such state of withdrawal be counted among its legitimate membership or be entitled to the benefit of undisturbed relations with this body, the arguments of the protestants are easily answered.

1st. The argument that the Pennsylvania Synod was officially recognized as a member of this body after the withdrawal of its delegates at York, because her name is found on the official roll, made out by the retiring Secretary, rests upon a mistake, in regard to a point of fact. The roll in the possession of the President during the organization of this body was the list found recorded in the Minutes of the last Convention. The list contained the

names of the delegates and of their Synods as reported in the organization of that Convention, and as the Pennsylvania Synod was *then* in full relations to the General Synod, her name properly appeared in the list; just as being out of relations now, her name will not appear on the list or Minutes of the present Convention. No roll was made out by the retiring Secretary after the withdrawal of the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod. If he *had* made such roll, it could not oblige the General Synod to be governed by it, for it was the mere act of the Secretary. To have bound the General Synod, it must have received her official sanction, which it did not. In like manner, the argument that the Pennsylvania Synod was officially recognized as in full membership in the General Synod after the withdrawal of her delegates at York, because she is so referred to, in the "Report on the state of the Church," rests upon a misapprehension. It is simply said in that paper, that in view of the numbers, etc., represented in that Synod, the Pennsylvania Synod must ever enjoy a commanding place among the Synods of the General Synod. As the report was not upon the relations of the Synod to the General Synod, but upon quite a different subject, viz., her numbers, resources, etc., the adoption of such a paper did not define those relations. As the Chairman of your present Committee was the Chairman of the Committee on that report, he may be permitted to say, that if the protestants suppose it was the design of the Committee to go so far aside from their proper business as to express an opinion upon the subject in connection with which it is quoted in the protest, they are greatly mistaken. As well might a similar remark, made in a report a few years ago upon the extent and resources of Virginia, be quoted as defining the relations of that State to the American Union, against which she was then in rebellion. But since the protestants have referred to this report, it may not be inappropriate to attend to an argument which it incidentally furnishes, that the Pennsylvania Synod was, by the withdrawal of its delegates, put out of practical relations with the General Synod. Those who were present at the last Convention of the General Synod will, perhaps, remember that the Chairman of the Pennsylvania delegation, who was also Chairman of this very Committee on the state of the Church, delivered into the hands of the President of the General Synod the documents in his possession, with the remark, that he and his fellow delegates must be withdrawn from their places in the various committees on which they had been appointed. How could he have divested himself and his fellow delegates of the duty assigned them in the General Synod without its consent, if his Synod was still a governing power in the General Synod? Or by what right did the President of the General Synod substitute for the name of Rev. Dr. Schaeffer that of the Chairman of your present Committee, if the original Chairman had, after his withdrawal, a right at any time to return and resume his seat in the General Synod and his place in said Committee?

As to the second argument of the protestants, that, "Because the Constitution and By-laws give no power whatever to exclude Synods, or even to decide as to their relations to the General Synod, but merely make it his duty 'to decide on the validity of the credentials of the delegates,'" we have only to say, that having proved that the Pennsylvania Synod was out of practical relations with the General Synod, it was not competent to the President offi-

cially to know any paper or a credential of delegates from that Synod, and consequently not to receive it at that stage of the meeting even for examination. The third and further claim of the protestants, that the Pennsylvania Synod exercised only a conceded right in withdrawing from this body, and hence could not have violated her claim to full membership, is fallacious, because, if such right *was* conceded upon her reception into this body, at Winchester in 1853, the retiring President in organizing the present Convention could not officially know the fact; for it is not recorded in the Minutes of this body. The General Synod can know only such facts as her official acts which have a recorded place in her Minutes. The right alluded to as a concession, not being on official record, and consequently not binding on this body, the President could not, of course, respect the claim based upon its assumption. If the Pennsylvania Synod had, as she claims, secured such an unusual concession from this body, and one to which she attaches such an immense importance, and of which she now claims the right to avail herself, even at the peril of the life of the General Synod, it is her own oversight that it was not officially entered upon the Minutes of this Synod, and the consequences of such neglect are of her own procuring. But if such a right, as that claimed, had received an official sanction by the General Synod, still, as it was essentially and necessarily revolutionary in the very nature of the case, this body could have consented to it only as she consents the other integral parts of this and every organization have the ultimate right of revolution whenever the contingency justifying its exercise actually occurs. Of course, then she expected to regard the Pennsylvania Synod as occupying that necessary relation of practical withdrawal whenever the latter body chose to exercise the right claimed to have been granted.

As to the remaining argument upon this point, that "the principle upon which the retiring President acted, places it in the power of any future retiring President to rule out of practical relations any Synod or number of Synods, etc.," it may be answered, that it presupposes what is contrary to common sense, viz., that future Presidents shall not be capable of distinguishing between the delegates of Synods that remain in loyal obedience to the body and those who disloyally and violently sever themselves from it.

Finally, in regard to their solemn protest against the final action of this body in the case of the Pennsylvania Synod, we have only time to say that it was announced by the retiring President that an opportunity would, no doubt, be given, to present a report or credentials from persons claiming to be delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod, immediately after the organization, by the election of officers; that this body did immediately after its organization ask for such a report, and invite those brethren to present their credentials; that she has repeated this invitation in her last action; and that consequently there is no ground whatever for the pathetic complaint and the doleful prophecies with which the protest concludes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOEL SWARTZ,
CHAS. A. HAY,
LEVI STERNBERG,
D. A. BUEHLER,
W. F. WAGENSELLER. } *Committee.*

The Reply was received, and ordered to be placed upon the Minutes.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Editors of papers of Fort Wayne, for the interest manifested in the sessions of Synod, by publishing so large a portion of its proceedings in their papers.

An adjournment until 8 o'clock this evening was moved and agreed upon; with the understanding that the time not needed for business be spent in a prayer meeting.

The session closed with prayer, by Rev. H. G. Bowers.

EVENING.

THURSDAY, 8 o'clock, P. M., May 24th.

At the designated hour, the Synod assembled for the last time. The President was in the chair. No more business was suggested.

The time was then most delightfully and profitably employed in the services of a prayer meeting. At intervals, a number of brethren made short addresses, relating to the experience and duties of Christians, and the interests and prospects of Zion.

All felt that it was good to be there.

After the final prayer, which was offered by the President, all united in singing two stanzas of the 753d hymn, and concluded with the doxology, number 1006:

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures, here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

The Synod then adjourned, to meet again in its twenty-third Convention, in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the third Thursday of May, in the year of our Lord, 1868.

MATTHIAS SHEELEIGH,
Secretary of General Synod.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

NAMES OF SYNODS.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Infant Baptisms.	Additions to full Membership.				Losses.			Communing Members.	Sunday Schools.				Prayer Meetings, &c.	Contributions.					
				Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Restorations.	Deceased.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.		Lutheran.	Union.	Teachers.	Scholars.		Synodical Treas'y.	Beneficiary Educ'n	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Local Objects.	Gen'l Benevolence.
1. Maryland Synod,	35	44	3,297	56	968	706		568	109	5	6,581	27	18	764	5,228	31	$177 66	$1,209 09	$1,781 55	$1,012 10	$22,803 20	$15,438 77
2. W. Penn'a "	47	99	2,124	189	1,072	331	5	835	248	14	11,920	34	67	708	4,881	76	346 36	1,981 52	1,880 40	1,707 00	33,536 00	14,383 28
3. Hartwick "	26	31	339	43	144	42		94	36	8	4,293	29	14	420	3,034	19	288 90	365 63	365 64	617 04	23,736 75	6,720 55
4. New York "	61	60	7,956	106	2,097	548		307	77	257	13,740	64		948	7,967	10	435 66	449 87	1,324 55	2,116 59	39,397 58	9,839 64
5. Alleghany "	42	96	1,072	133	595	310	21	259	222	60	6,314	34	48	502	3.327	56	329 59	625 38	2,072 26	878 56	12,431 01	9,296 57
6. East Penn'a "	60	115	2,751	298	1,251	639	20	506	261	17	12,016	53	76	1887	12,649	99	677 36	3,290 77	4,267 60	2,183 80	70,518 76	11,704 46
7. Miami "	33	49	548	44	234	198		110	56	2	3,303	33		331	2,666	29	247 00	638 00	394 80	855 60	31,112 00	3,846 04
8. Wittenberg "	34	43	183	115	254	212	24	96	147	14	2,606	25	17	473	3,477	27	246 48	388 36	370 41	566 70	13,657 19	3,012 93
9. East Ohio "	37	59	375	193	356	372		126	245	14	3.684	26	36	650	4,733	39	320 61	435 34	594 83	604 99	10,518 69	7,338 60
10. Illinois "	44	37	124	125	484	266		350	60	18	4,470	22		223	1,766	10	242 20	610 30	1,175 00	891 00	26,342 20	1,995 30
11. Olive Branch "	17	29	150	59	87	48		55	56	5	1,276	20		64	1,062	16	307 75	48 85	80 58	140 20	2,613 52	186 15
12. North. Illinois "	25	43	371	48	183	230	14	56	25		2,116	21	17	300	2,112	20	142 06	179 09	179 12	66 10	15,076 00	579 42
13. Pittsburg "	52	100	2,465	159	885	545	64	316	530	65	8,611	62		564	4,340	21	567 87	1,782 57	3,073 90	873 05	56,677 48	29,409 12
14. English Ohio "	11	26	316	9	159	19		70	55		1,634	14	3	58	390		104 20		120 70	34 30		480 09
15. Central Penn. "	34	78	1,160	86	648	228	47	311	88	24	6,737	14	86	456	2,963	84	274 96	680 06	871 93	546 36	7.254 50	1,755 80
16. North'n Ind. "	28	65	376	290	398	472		83	144		2,902	53		423	3,048	39	195 10	161 40	237 20	142 60	20.164 50	441 75
17. Iowa "	22	23	294	39	150	111		35	25	5	927	22			505	12	74 50		342 65	119 00	5,612 50	338 00
18. Melanchthon "	16	46	993	91	543	65		218	117	6	4.271	27	36	562	2,919	44	115 00	603 00	261 01	218 51	2,305 00	895 00
19. New Jersey "	8	10	106	23	109	23	2	42	19	18	1,368	13	11	219	1,321	13	71 00	148 53	251 58	265 51	7,000 00	1,166 42
20. Minnesota "	16																					
21. Franckean "	26	32	122	32	135	89		74	22		2,670	18				24	200 00				4,587 05	2,204 48
	674	1,085	25,112	2,138	10,752	5,454	197	4,511	2,537	532	101,439	611	425	9,552	68,388	660	5,364 26	13,597 76	19,641 71	13,839 11	405,376 93	121,032 37

NOTE.—This Table covers two years—the time since the former meeting of the General Synod. The last table prepared, which appears in the Minutes of 1862, represents a period of three years. The Minutes of the Synod of Minnesota contain no Parochial Table. In the Minutes of the Franckean Synod it is not stated for what objects the Benevolent Contributions were made; hence the whole sum is here placed under the head of General Benevolence. In attempting to compile such a table, nothing appears more evident than its imperfections. In the Reports of some Synods, even those items which might be expected to remain nearly the same, or to show some advance from year to year, are found to vary very largely, when there is evidently no sufficient reason for the difference. This remark applies to the numbers representing the Congregations, Communicants, Sunday-Schools, Teachers, Scholars, Prayer Meetings, &c. No remedy can be applied until Synods determine to conform their tables to a common standard, and demand more faithfulness from their respective members, in rendering their reports.—SECRETARY.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD

OF

The Evangelical Lutheran Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

(AS LAST AMENDED.)

Jesus Christ, the Supreme Head of his Church, having prescribed no entire specific directory for government and discipline, and every section of his Church being left at full liberty to make such additional regulations to that effect, as may be most adapted to its situation and circumstances, therefore—relying upon God our Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit in the Word of God, for the promotion of the practice of brotherly love, to the furtherance of Christian concord, to the firm establishment and continuance of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace—We, the Deputies of the "German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania and the neighboring States," of the "German and English Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the State of North Carolina and the bordering States," of the "Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium in the State of New York, and the neighboring States and Countries," and of the "Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland and Virginia," &c., for ourselves and our successors, do adopt the following fundamental articles, viz:

ARTICLE I.

The name, style and title of this Convention shall be: "*The Evangelical Lutheran General Synod of the United States of North America.*"

ARTICLE II.

The General Synod shall consist of the Deputies from the several Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conventions in the United States, who may join themselves thereunto, and be duly acknowledged as members thereof in the following ratio, namely:

Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod containing eight ministers, may send one; if it contain sixteen, two; if twenty-four, three; if thirty-two, four; if forty, five; if fifty-five, six; if seventy, seven; if eighty-five, eight; and if

it contain one hundred and upwards, nine delegates of the rank of ordained ministers, and an equal number of lay delegates. Each Synod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical, and one lay representative.

Each Deputy, appearing in the General Synod according to this ratio, shall, except as is hereinafter provided, enjoy an equal right and vote with all others. Every Synod may choose its deputies in such a way and manner as to them may seem proper; and shall pay the travelling expenses of the same to and from the General Synod, until the General Synod shall have established for itself a treasury from which the future expenses may be discharged.

ARTICLE III.

The business of the General Synod shall be as follows, namely:

SECTION I. The General Synod shall examine the proceedings of the several Synods and Ministeriums belonging to this association, in order that they may obtain some knowledge of the existing state and condition of the Church. The several Synods, therefore, shall transmit as many copies of their proceedings to the General Synod, as there shall be members contained in the General Synod.

SECTION II. Whenever the General Synod shall deem it proper or necessary, they may propose to the special Synods or Ministeriums, new books or writings, such as catechisms, forms of liturgy, collections of hymns for general or special public use in the church. Every proposal of the kind, the several or respective Synods may duly consider, and if they, or any of them, shall be of opinion, that the said book or books, writing or writings, will not conduce to the end proposed, they may reject them, and adopt such liturgical books as they may think proper.

But no General Synod can be allowed to possess, or arrogate unto itself "the power of *prescribing* among us *uniform ceremonies of religion* for every part of the Church;" or to introduce such alterations in matters appertaining to the faith, or to the mode of publishing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, (the Son of God, and ground of our faith and hope,) as might in any way tend to burden the consciences of the brethren in Christ.

SECTION III. All regularly constituted Lutheran Synods, not now in connection with the General Synod, receiving and holding with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of our fathers the Word of God, as contained in the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession, as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the Divine Word, and of the faith of our Church founded upon that Word, may at any time, become associated with the General Synod, by complying with the requisitions of this Constitution, and sending delegates to its convention according to the ratio specified in Article II.

SECTION IV. With regard to the grades in the Ministry, the General Synod may give to the several Ministeriums their deliberate advice, wherein the circumstances of time, place, and condition must be duly contemplated, and a beneficial uniformity, and actual equality, of rank among the several ministers, must, as much as possible, be had in view. The General Synod shall also ad-

vise such rules and regulations among the several Synods and Ministeriums, as may prevent unpleasant and unfriendly collisions, that might otherwise arise out of any difference of grades existing among them, or from any other possible causes.

SECTION V. The General Synod shall not be looked upon as a tribunal of appeal; it may, however, be employed in the following cases and after the following manner:

1. The General Synod may give advice or opinion, when complaints shall be brought before them, by whole Synods, Ministeriums, Congregations, or individual Ministers, concerning doctrine or discipline. They shall, however, be extremely careful that the consciences of Ministers of the Gospel be not burdened with human inventions, laws, or devices, and that no one be oppressed by reason of differences of opinion on non-fundamental doctrines.

2. If parties, differing in matters of doctrine and discipline, refer the cause of difference, in a brotherly manner, to the General Synod, they shall institute a close and exact scrutiny and examination thereof, and give their opinion on the subject of difference, according to their best insight of right, equity, brotherly love and truth.

3. If difference between Synods be referred, the votes thereon shall be taken by Synods, and the referring Synods shall have no vote.

SECTION VI. The General Synod may devise plans for Seminaries of Education and Missionary Institutions, as well as for the aid of poor ministers, and the widows and orphans of poor ministers, and endeavor, with the help of God, to carry them into effect.

SECTION VII. The General Synod may also institute and create a treasury for the effectual advancement of its purposes.

SECTION VIII. The General Synod shall apply all their powers, their prayers and their means, towards the prevention of schisms among us, to be sedulously and incessantly regardful of the circumstances of the times, and of every casual rise and progress of unity of sentiment among Christians in general, in order that the blessed opportunities to promote concord and unity, and the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, may not pass by neglected and unavailing.

ARTICLE IV.

The General Synod shall choose, from among their own number, a President and a Secretary; and from among their own number or elsewhere, as soon as it may be necessary, a Treasurer. They shall continue in office until the next succeeding convention. The same person is at all times re-eligible as Secretary or Treasurer; but no one may be elected President more than two conventions in succession, and the same person cannot thereafter be elected for the two successively following conventions.

SECTION I. The President shall act as chairman of the convention. He may make motions, give his opinion, and vote like every other member. With the consent and concurrence of the minister of the place where the convention is held, he shall appoint the several preachers during the convention. He shall subscribe all letters, written advices, resolutions and proceedings of the Synod. In extraordinary cases, and by request of any one of the acknow-

ledged Synods, made known to him in the form of a Synodical or Ministerial resolution, he may call together special conventions of the General Synod. In case the business of the Secretary become too burdensome for one person to execute, he shall, with the concurrence of the Secretary, appoint an assistant Secretary, and make known to him what portions of the labors he ought to undertake.

SECTION II. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings, write, attest, take care of all the documents and writings, make known the time and place of the convention, through the medium of the public prints, at least three months beforehand; and, in the special or extraordinary cases mentioned in the foregoing section, he shall give written notice thereof to each of the special Synods or Ministeriums.

SECTION III. If the President or Secretary, in the intermediate time between the conventions, depart this life, resign his office, or become incapable of executing the same, the next in office shall take his place and perform his duties; if it be the Treasurer, then the President shall appoint another Treasurer *ad interim* in his stead.

SECTION IV. The Treasurer shall keep account of the receipts and expenditures of the Synod. He shall give receipts for all moneys put into his hands. He shall not pay any moneys out of his hands but by order of the President, attested by the Secretary, in pursuance of a resolution of the Synod to that effect. At every convention of the Synod he shall render account.

ARTICLE V.

The course of business shall be conducted as follows, viz:

1. The deputies shall give personal notice of their arrival to the minister of the place, or if the congregation be destitute of a minister, to any other person appointed by the congregation for the purpose, who shall make known to them their place of residence and the place where the session shall be held.

2. At nine o'clock in the forenoon of the first week-day of the time of convention, the sessions shall begin and be opened with prayer.

3. The President elected by the former convention shall act as Chairman till another President be chosen. In case of his absence, the persons present may, on motion made and seconded, appoint another in his stead.

4. The members shall give in to the Chairman their attestations or certificates. For all the deputies from any one particular Synod, one certificate, by the President and attested by the Secretary of that Synod, shall be deemed sufficient, and all the members of the same Synod shall sit together.

5. If a majority of the deputies of a majority of the Synods attached to the General Synod, be present, the business shall go on. If this proportion be lacking, the members present may, from time to time postpone the session of the convention.

6. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, on the first day of the session, and so soon as the members shall have given in their certificates.

7. The Proceedings of the former convention shall be read by the Secretary.

8. Hereupon follow the several portions of business according to article III., section for section.

9. Now, other mixed motions may be made, concerning the subjects already discussed, or any other matters that may occur.

10. In conclusion, the General Synod shall appoint, by ballot, the time and place of the next convention; observing, at all times, however, that one convention at least, be held every three years.

ARTICLE VI.

The General Synod may make whatever By-laws they may deem necessary, provided, only, that the said By-laws do not contradict the spirit of the Constitution.

No alteration of this Constitution may be made, except by the consent of two-thirds of the Synods attached to this Convention; an exact copy of the intended alterations to be sent, by the Secretary, to all the Presidents of the District Synods in connection with this body, with the request that they would lay them before their respective Synods for decision. If, at the subsequent meeting of the General Synod, it shall appear from their minutes that two-thirds of the District Synods are in favor of the alterations, they shall accordingly be made.

Signed, October 24th, in the year of our Lord, 1820.

J. GEO. SCHMUCKER, GEO. LOCHMAN, CHRISTIAN ENDRESS, F. W. GEISSENHAINER, H. A. MUHLENBERG, CHR. KUNKEL, WM. HENSEL, PETER STICHTER,	Of Pennsylvania.
PH. F. MAYER, F. C. SCHAEFFER,	Of New York.
GOTTL. SCHOBER, PETER SCHMUCKER,	Of North Carolina.
DANIEL KURTZ, D. F. SCHAEFFER, GEO. SCHRYOCK,	Of Maryland.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARENT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Parent Education Society held its meeting during the sessions of the General Synod, at 2 o'clock, on the 18th of May, 1866, at Fort Wayne. The President, Dr. S. W. Harkey took the chair. Prayer was offered.

Rev. Dr. H. L. Baugher sent, per Rev. Dr. C. A. Hay, his Report as Corresponding Secretary. After the reading, it was accepted. It was ordered to be modified in respect to a recommendation to dissolve, and adopted as here presented.

REPORT.

Since the movement of the Church in the direction of separate Synodical educational action, inaugurated at the meeting of the General Synod in Dayton, the Parent Education Society retains only its name. Its work is done, and it lives and rejoices in the memory of the past.

In the place of our usual report, it may be profitable briefly to review the operations of the Society from 1835 to the time when it was deprived of the honor of being any longer actively useful.

Within the period indicated, there were sustained by its funds, in different degrees of education, about two hundred young men. The most of these are now actively engaged in the work of the ministry, and in teaching in different parts of the Church, North, South, East and West. Of this number, sixteen have passed away to a better world. Eight or ten have gone into other churches to labor, and perhaps as many have gone into secular avocations. Our Beneficiaries have occupied the most important positions in the church. Four held the position of President in as many colleges. One was a successful teacher of Theology. One is now a distinguished Professor in one of our most flourishing colleges. Some of our largest and most intelligent congregations have chosen a number of them as their pastors.

In surveying the field in which the Society has labored for twenty years, from 1835 to 1855, our beneficiaries are distinguished from other men in the ministry, in nothing except, perhaps, in a higher degree of zeal and laboriousness in the Master's service. Their deficiencies and faults are those

which belong to our common humanity. The objections, therefore, which are made against beneficiary education, to be properly directed, must lie against those who make the selection of the subject, and not against the cause itself.

With this brief review of the past, the undersigned would respectfully present his report.

H. L. BAUGHER.

The Treasurer's Report was next received.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

M. L. Stoever, Treasurer, in account with the Parent Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

	DR.
To balance in Treasury, as per Report, last meeting of General Synod,	$53 00
Collections at General Synod, 1864, at York, Pa.,	220 00
Refunded by A. Sheffer,	100 00
Refunded by J. M. Shober,	100 00
Donation from James Getty, Esq., Baltimore,	250 00
	$723 00
	CR.
Paid, per order of Society, Rev. Dr. Harkey, for Illinois State University,	$53 00
Refunded money, paid to Gettysburg Committee, as per order of Society,	200 00
Balance in the Treasury,	470 00
	$723 00

Gettysburg, April 28th, 1866.

I have examined the account of Prof. Stoever, Treasurer of the Parent Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and found it correct.

F. A. MUHLENBERG, *Auditor.*

Lancaster, Pa., May 1st, 1866.

The report was adopted.

THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED.

The following resolution was offered and passed:

Resolved, That the funds in the hands of the Treasurer be equally divided between Wittenberg College and Illinois State University.

The Society next proceeded to the election of officers, when it was reported that the following were chosen:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President,

S. W. HARKEY, D. D.

Vice-President,

F. GEBHART, Esq.

Recording Secretary,

GEORGE DIEHL, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary,

H. L. BAUGHER, D. D.

Treasurer,

PROF. M. L. STOEVER.

Auditor,

F. A. MUHLENBERG, M. D.

Executive Committee,

C. P. KRAUTH, D. D., S. S. SCHMUCKER, D. D.,
J. A. BROWN, D. D., REV. PROF. F. A. MUHLENBERG,
C. A. HAY, D. D., REV. E. BREIDENBAUGH,
REV. PROF. M. VALENTINE.

Resolved, That we dispense with the anniversary exercises this evening.

Adjourned.

GEORGE DIEHL,
Sec. of P. Ed. Soc.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

FIRST SESSION.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, assembled in the English Lutheran Church, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the 21st of May, 1866. Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., President, n the chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer, by Rev. P. Raby.

On motion, a committee was appointed to nominate officers for the Society. This committee consisted of Rev. Mr. Officer, Rev. Dr. Passavant, Rev. Dr. Harkey, Dr. Willet, and Hon. Mr. Kugler.

The Report of the Executive Committee was then read by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. Z. Senderling, and unanimously adopted, with the exception of the concluding paragraph, referring to the retiring of the Executive Committee. The following extracts from the report were ordered to be inserted in the published Minutes:

REPORT.

THIRTEENTH REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

RESPECTED BRETHREN:

In offering their Thirteenth Report, the Committee feel called upon to render thanksgiving to Almighty God, who has so marvellously preserved the integrity of these United States, and consequently the name of our Society—

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States; who has vouchsafed peace again to our distracted country; and who has very mysteriously brought about such grand results, in the glorious emancipation of four millions of bondmen. Our country is now really, absolutely, and, as we believe, permanently, "The land of the free," as it has been and is "the home of the brave."

The grand experiment of an enlightened and Christian Republic has passed through a fiery furnance, heated seven times hotter than ever before; has lived in it, come out of it, and still lives unhurt, to the joy of the whole earth. In God we trusted. To God, the Eternal, be ceaseless praises, honor and glory ascribed.

Your Committee first notice a painful event, which has filled them with deep sorrow; we allude to the sudden and mysterious disappearance of one of our committee, the Rev. Dr. James L. Schock, a beloved, estimable, and worthy co-laborer with us. He has not been heard of since the 29th of October, 1864. We bow submissively to that inscrutable Providence which has bereaved us, and leave the event where it is, enveloped in mystery.

Our Missions in India and Africa are steadily advancing in interest and importance. Our Missionaries have labored faithfully and effectively, and to the extent of their ability. They are doing what they can, and more than they would be obliged to do if there was a greater force in the field. The burdens are too heavy for those dear brethren. One ordained Missionary with his companion is immediately needed in the Palnaud. Two families ought to go there, for the purposes of society, as well as to help to cultivate that extensive and wide field. Another Mission family should go out forthwith to Guntoor, to assist brother Unangst, and occupy the vacant mission house. Two others ought to be sent to Rajahmundry, where there are also two mission houses; and yet another, to Samulcotta, now vacant by the removal of Brother Long to Rajahmundry. Many villages around each station are awakened, and are begging for teachers and schools. A rich and bountiful harvest is ripening throughout the whole extent of our India Mission. Nearly two hundred inquirers are now under instructions. In the Palnaud, Mr. Cully informs us, there are 145, now waiting for the arrival of Bro. Unangst, to be admitted into the Church. Two more families should be sent to Africa, to assist and relieve Brother Kistler. No less than six or seven Missionaries are immediately wanted, and if found, should be appointed. Every letter we receive conveys the prayer, "send us more laborers." This has been the appeal to you Lutherans, from the death bed of Walter Gunn, to that of Wm. E. Snyder, and from that time to this. The appeals come with increasing earnestness, with holy yearning, and travail of soul, "Come over and help us." They sound as if all the harvest was perishing through lack of helpers. Jesus Christ commands you to separate the men for this great work. Then again, some brethren may ask, what of our China Mission, and when are the men to go? Have we not a China Fund, amounting to eight or nine hundred dollars? But we ask, *where* are the men for that inviting field? The response must come from the Churches, Colleges or Seminaries of Learning and Theology. Will it be given? After that terrible baptism of blood, and the wails that have gone over our land over our thousands of young men fallen in the

field of battle, will ye not hear the voice of your God, "separate yourselves, or your sons for the work of the Missionary"? Another baptism of a merciful character, and by the Holy Ghost, has been granted to the churches, to multitudes of families and of young men. God speaks once more, "separate laborers from those thousands of converts, for the distant field."

We would report now specially upon each of our missionary stations.

RAJAHMUNDRY.

We are sorry to announce to you, that Brother Gronning and his family have gone home. Mrs. Gronning's impaired health and her extreme debility, are the reasons which he assigns. For the past two years he has been writing about her feeble state, and soliciting means to send her back to her native land. The means would have been sent by your Committee but for the war pressure, the diminished state of our Treasury, and the high rates of exchange. We had contemplated to send his wife to the Hills, where the German Mission on the coast has a very large house, to which their invalids resort during the hot season. The Missionaries had kindly offered her a place of refuge in their spacious house; but when on the way and only five miles from home, she was attacked a second time with fever. After remaining there two months she was brought home in a palanquin, in a very feeble state. To add to their sorrows and cares their youngest child (the only one in India) was taken ill with fever. This has been, he writes, "the hardest time in my life." The Doctor upon being consulted advised, that Mrs. G. must go to Europe as soon as she is able, but not alone, her husband must go with her. Before their departure, their youngest child was attacked by cholera, and in some twelve hours was a corpse. This last affliction was a most grievous one, and for a while completely unmanned him. "If his mother," he wrote in one of his letters, "could have left, as we desired, before the hot season, all probably would have been right. So all said. But for the Mission's sake we remained." In his letter of 15th September last, he states, "Yesterday, I gave over the charge of the Mission to Mr. Long, and D. V., we intend to leave for Europe by the next steamer, taking the overland route. I cannot write more; our hearts are bleeding; my labor is at an end for the present. Last Sunday 11 persons were baptized, and 40 natives with 7 others, ourselves, Mr. Long, &c., celebrated the Lord's Supper. May the Lord Jesus continue to accomplish his great work here and every where! I have written a short account of this Mission for three years, 1862, 1863, 1864, and the last nine months, ending with September, 1865, sending it to the contributors of our Mission here, and with a little change in words I have transcribed the same in a book which I leave with Mr. Long. I will now send you the original papers, by which you may ascertain the state of the Mission. Meanwhile, looking only at the success of the cause in which I have had the honor to be engaged for so many years, I wish you now, as always, God's rich blessing, and much success in your work. May you be able to send forth many laborers into your harvest, remembering that the kingdom of God does not consist in word, but in power. With a heavy and afflicted heart, I now say,—Farewell, dear Brethren; the Lord Jesus be with you and yours. Yours, sincerely,

"C. W. GRONNING."

We will now endeavor to present a very brief abstract of the above reports, which are four in number, embracing three years and nine months. Each Report has appended to it an account of donations by the friends of the Mission in Rajahmundry, and also of the expenditure of the same.

1. Report for Dec. 31st, 1862.—"The design of these reports is to show the donors how their contributions and donations have been spent, and how the Mission is prospering." During the last nine or ten years, four Brahmins had been employed as Telugu teachers in various villages, but as they made very little progress in teaching the children, they were dismissed, and the schools were closed at the end of April. The English school was almost in a state of dissolution, having only 25 scholars, of whom only a few could read a little. The number of scholars, however, has increased to 45, of whom the majority learn only Telugu. It was continued, because it seemed to afford a good opportunity of teaching the fundamental truths of our holy religion, and of forming a connecting link between the people and the Mission. A more important and promising branch of the Mission is the girls' and boys' boarding school, of whom there are four of each sex. In connection with the boys' school is the girls' day school. It is gratifying to see thirty little girls, who seem to be anxious to learn, listening attentively to the narration of stories from the Bible, some of which they commit to memory. The colporteur Joseph, who commenced his work about eight months ago, has sold not a few copies of the Gospels, and sent the funds to the Madras Bible Society. The people of the district have received numerous tracts and books gratuitously. Telugu service is held twice every Sunday. The very poor of the place come twice a week, and after having heard the word of God, a small sum is given each, by way of alms. There are four candidates for baptism, who appear to be very sincere. God willing, they may be soon admitted into the congregation. "Our work," he says, "is uphill work, but we know and believe that the Disposer of all events has his divine and secret plan, which he will carry out in due time." "Faithful is he that has called us, he will do it." Financial account. Local donations for the Mission, 677 Rupees. With this he paid towards colporteur, teachers, boarding children and day scholars, 472 Rupees; and to Mr. Cully, 200 Rupees. On the opposite page he gives an account of the poor fund, what he received and paid out for the benefit of the poor. Every donor's name and gift are carefully and accurately noted down, whilst the same particularity and correctness reach the whole expenditure.

2. Report for 1863.—"With hope and fear," says Brother Gronning, "I entered upon the work of this Mission, at the beginning of the year, concluding from past experience I had much reason to hope for some little success, relying on the promise, "My word shall not return unto me void." However, the fear of falling short of the most necessary funds, on account of the unhappy war in America, and consequently of performing the work of the Lord deficiently, could not be avoided. But I am thankful to say, that the barrel of meal has not wasted; neither did the cruse of oil fail." During the past year I had the privilege of admitting four adults into our congregation, who, as far as man can judge seem to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, by a consistent conduct." He speaks of several other persons

from other villages who are sincere inquirers, and who express desires of joining the church of Christ. Two families in R. and in another village are preparing themselves for admittance. In the Telugu schools 60 boys were on the list. A new Telugu school was opened in Dorolaishwarum with 25 scholars. In the boarding school are 6 boys and three girls. The girls, day school had been steadily increasing. A very strict economy is observed in all fiscal matters. The catechist and colporteur have been selling and distributing books and tracts in many villages, and preaching the word of the cross according to their grace and ability. "I have tried," he states, "to do the same in some villages, and here in the Bazaar. May God give the increase!"

He received from different persons for the Mission, 1436 Rupees; and expended 1254 Rupees. This iucludes 254 Rupees paid for teachers, and 600 Rupees paid for the Palnaud Mission, exclusive of 8 teachers. The boarders and girls' day school cost 400 Rupees. The Poor Fund amounted to 225 Rs. He expended 238 Rupees.—The recipients of these alms were poor travelers, a poor widow, 30 poor heathens, and 30 poor persons who on new year's day received pieces of cloth.

3. Report for 1864.—"Another year, with its sorrows and joys, trials and successes, is closing upon us. When we look forward, a year appears like a book whose contents are unknown to us, more especially to a Christian Missionary among the heathen. The mysterious year book contains always four questions, which the Author and preserver of our lives is solving according to his all-wise providence and the guidance of his Holy Spirit. 1st. Have we sufficient grace and wisdom to be able ministers of the new covenant, meeting the wants of the people, laboring under the influence of the Holy Spirit? 2nd. Will our feeble efforts be crowned with success? 3d. Will God keep us in health and strength to carry on the work? 4th. In what way will he provide for our temporal wants? To these questions he gives answers; which, however, are too lengthy for this report." He states the following facts: A catechist and colporteur have been engaged in visiting the Bazaar and surrounding villages, from time to time, reading to the people and addressing them. During the last year Brother Gronning visited nearly 50 villages. In all we distributed copies of the Gospel and tracts. The whole number that are entirely supported by the Mission amount to 50 sometimes 60 persons. The expenditure, including the salaries of teachers, is about 40 Rupees per month. During the year a greater number than before applied, and received baptism. Brother Gronning passes his lamentations over the war in America, especially as it prevented a great many from contributing to the cause of the Prince of Peace; but still he gratefully acknowledges that some have contributed the necessary funds for their present wants. He has opened a happier year than the king of his fatherland, Denmark. "May we all feel rich in Him who became poor for us!"

4. Report for 1865.—Brother Gronning dwells here upon his afflictions and sore bereavement. His wife had been called upon to make a sacrifice, that of her youngest son, before she could leave the Mission field, into which she had entered 15 years ago. He feels very thankful to all kind friends in India and elsewhere, who have enabled him to support a teacher in the Pal-

naud for two years and a half, at 600 Rupees per annum, and for their kind assistance in helping him to pay his expenses home. The English-Telugu school has suffered somewhat from the death of the Telugu teacher, and the removal of the English teacher who had entered the Police Department. There are from 50 to 60 pupils in the girls' school, whose poverty requires a monthly distribution of alms. In three other villages there are schools containing about 50 scholars. The most promising circumstances in this Mission are the inquirers who come in now and then to Rajahmundry, to hear the Gospel, desiring baptism. There have been 34 persons admitted by the ordinance of baptism, of whom 20 are adults, and 14 are children, of the ages of 12, 10 and 6 years.

In taking leave of this beloved Missionary, your Committee feel constrained to pay a passing tribute to his character. We have regarded him as a most conscientious and faithful servant of God, a true Missionary of the cross of Jesus Christ, a man of enlarged views, of integrity of purpose, of rich experience, and of an humble and self-denying spirit. He was always intent upon his Mission work, delighting in it, wisely arranging and faithfully carrying out his plans, always looking to the Great Lord of the vineyard for counsel and success. He has been long in the field—nearly twenty years. He would have tarried longer there, but for the stern necessity which called him away—he had to accompany his poor and afflicted wife home to their native land. The Lord bless and reward them, with restored health, with many happy years, and finally, at life's closing scene, with a calm and peaceful end!

The successor of Brother Gronning, is Rev. Adam Long, recently of Samulcotta. In a letter dated 10th of last January, he states that he took charge of this station on the 19th of last September. In making this removal he did not abandon his former field, but has visited it and Cocanada four times. He had also visited two out stations, distant from this place, respectively, 10 and 20 miles. In these places, as well as in Samulcotta, houses of worship are needed. "We had hoped to commence building," he says, "immediately in the latter place, but our friends, I fear, will not justify our doing so." The work in Rajahmundry has been carried on, essentially, in all respects, as it was previous to his taking charge of this Station. A few more boarders have been received. At Samulcotta, on the 17th December, ult., he baptized three adults, and two children. At Rajahmundry on the 24th, 8 adults and 1 child. In a letter dated January 28th, ult., he takes a retrospective view of the field in which the Lord has permitted him to labor. Services were held every Sabbath for Christians, and until he came to Rajahmundry, he preached every Sunday evening in Peddapoor. The Lord's Supper was celebrated three times in Samulcotta, and once in Rajahmundry. Cocanada was visited once a week, on the regular market day. He made three tours during the year, on which he visited 104 towns and villages. He and a colporteur circulated in these and other villages 3,940 tracts or small books. They also distributed 861 Scripture portions, and 32 New Testaments, also 2 Bibles.

All these were in the vernacular tongue; besides these they sold a number of English Scriptures, and of other books.

The following is a brief statistical view of the Missions of Samulcotta and Rajahmundry:

SAMULCOTTA.—Congregation 1; Communicants 16; Baptized children 14; Colporteur 1; School 1.

RAJAHMUNDRY.—Congregation 1; Communicants 47; Adults Baptized, (not communicants) 14; Children Baptized 31;—Total 92. Adults were Baptized during the year 29; and Children 15;—Total during the year 44. Catechists 2, one employed by the Madras Bible Society. Boys' schools 2; Girls' school 1; Teachers 4—male 3, female 1. Boarding Scholars 6; Colporteur 1.

Brother Long, in concluding, remarks, "that these figures do not indicate the work in its whole extent." The Committee would add, that considering the consecutive labor, in this Mission field, of Messrs. Valeth, Gronning and Heise, of Heyer, Cutter and Long, then again of Gronning, and now of Long, the grand total of results from the aggressive work of all these laborers, upon thousands, yes, ten thousands of minds, can never be told nor estimated in this world.

GUNTOOR.

The Committee continue to receive cheering accounts from this Mission. There is a mixture of complaints, occasionally in the letters of our Missionary, which respect the restraints, necessarily imposed upon him, touching the extension of their work, from the want of adequate funds, and more laborers. Brother Unangst writes under date of 8th January last, as follows: "It gives me great pleasure to say, that 64 of our native christians here partook of the Lord's supper last evening, together with 4 from Rajahmundry, and 2 from Ellore. I also had the pleasure of baptizing three adults, yesterday morning. These added to the 71 mentioned in my report make 74 communing members at present belonging to our congregation. In addition to the number of inquirers reported for this field, I have reason to believe that there are many others, scattered among the different villages, whom I have not had time to visit. A reinforcement of Missionaries would be a great blessing to these poor people; for then our work would be so distributed as to enable us to work more effectually. Please, therefore, to send them; and the Lord will furnish the means for their support."

STATISTICS, 1865.—Congregation 1; Communing members 71; Adults Baptized during the year 10; Infants Baptized during the year 10; baptized prior to 1865, 283; Telugu schools 7; Teachers 6; Boys 79; Girls 44; Colporteur 1; Inquirers 60.

The English vernacular school has been closed from want of funds; hence our Brother's complaints. Mr. Unangst informs us that the distribution of tracts and of the Holy Scriptures has been vigorously prosecuted. The Colporteur's report shows that in 7 months 850 tracts have been circulated. Three-fourths of these were of 2 and 4 pages each; 35 copies of the Old Testament in Telugu have been sold, and 150 Gospels distributed gratuitously among the people. The Colporteur's journal, which has been sent to us, informs us how these books are generally received, viz: for the purpose of knowing the truth.

THE PALNAUD.

Since the return of Brother Gronning to Europe, this has been under the supervision of Mr. Unangst. Mr. R. E. Cully, who is a very worthy man, and who appears deeply interested in the cause of Jesus Christ, is head

teacher in the Palnaud, and as such, has the supervision of all the schools, and a sort of sub-supervision over the congregations. In one of his last letters he thus alludes to the response given last summer, by the churches and Sunday-schools, to our appeal in his behalf, and to the action of your Committee. "You can but faintly conceive the delight and thankfulness with which your very kind letter was received and read by us. The kind wishes, the expressions of Christian love and sympathy, and the favorable resolutions of the Committee, respecting my wants, have all so deeply impressed us, that we were at once constrained to lift up our hearts in grateful praise to our gracious God above," &c. He speaks of the transfer of the Mission to the supervision of Rev. Mr. Unangst. He refers with a sorrowing heart to the afflictions in Brother Gronning's family, which have caused his departure from the Mission field. In his report of 16th October last, he gives us an account of the Mission agents, the people of their congregations, the children of their schools, and of the heathen around them. But the length of this report forbids even an abstract here.

STATISTICS, 1865.—Communing members 125; Children 150, (whole number 275;) Telugu schools 7; Teachers 7; Scholars 60; Boys 50, Girls 10; Inquirers 145; Colporteurs 2.

AFRICAN MISSION.

Permit us now to turn your attention to another interesting and successful Mission of our church. We say, as a learned and worthy brother of the faith once said to the Secretary, respecting our India Mission: "Somebody must be praying for this Mission." For, during its brief history, other and contiguous missions have arisen and disappeared. The uniform testimony of all our Missionaries in Africa has been strong in its favor. Brother Kistler is full of praises in its behalf; so much so, that he fears the charge of egotism. But let me refer you to an address of Hon. Abraham Hanson, Commissioner and Consul General of the United States to Liberia, delivered by him before the Forty-ninth meeting of the American Colonization Society, (in the First Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.,) on the 16th of last January. This able address is in the African Repository for March, 1866. Mr. Hanson speaks thus: "The Muhlenberg or Lutheran Mission, on the St. Paul's river, is, according to my humble opinion, moving in a manner, and in a direction, which promises more general, gratifying, important, and permanent results than can be readily conceived or set forth. The indefatigable Missionary, Rev. Mr. Kistler, bestows his labors chiefly upon re-captured or liberated Africans, and other aborigines, who are instructed in manual labor, in a knowledge of letters, and in the doctrines of the Christian religion." Mr. Kistler, in one of his last letters, states that "the farm school" is admired by many, if not by all visitors. In a letter dated Muhlenberg, Augus 17th, 1865, he gives the following exhibit of the Mission, the number of children, and condition of things in general. "There are now," he says, "belonging to the Mission, 41 children—26 boys and 15 girls. There are also 5 girls and 5 boys married, who are living on the reservation, on ten acre lots. There are, therefore, in all who have been at the Mission, 51 persons now there. Besides these, 5 have died at the mission. Of the 51,—23 are members of our infant church. We hold our communion four times a year.

Our preaching, weekly prayer meetings, Sabbath school, and other religious exercises are well attended. The children are making very creditable progress in the school. Three—2 boys and 1 girl are rendering important aid in teaching. Each teaches about half an hour a day. "The Missionary work," continues Mr. Kistler, "is a delightful work. To see forty or fifty youths growing up under our immediate supervision, and one by one forsaking their superstitious notions and their idolatrous habits, and dedicating themselves to the Lord, is most cheering, most delightful." Indeed your Committee would reiterate, so far it is most cheering. But there are lights and shades in the history of every mission. We cannot refrain from expressing our regret, that the founder of this Mission, and the general and financial agent of our Society, felt himself constrained to tender his resignation to the Executive Committee, December 7th, 1864, retiring entirely from the foreign department of our Mission work. At the meeting of the above date, held in Albany, N. Y., "the Committee expressed their great satisfaction with the services of Brother Officer, in connection with the financial agency." They also expressed "their most cordial regret, because of the necessity requiring his presence in another field of labor, invoking the favor of God upon him and his efforts in future, for the honor of Jesus' name." Brother Officer reported, that there was paid on the Altemus Legacy into the African Fund, $557 15. Besides this, a note for $300, due October 27th, 1865, was given by Mr. Nicholas Altemus, of Indiana Co., Pa., executor of the Will of the late Adam Altemus. These sums make six-sevenths of the Altemus Legacy of $1000, bequeathed to the African Mission, or the six shares that were voluntarily released by the heirs who were of age, and who could, under the laws of Pennsylvania, have claimed the money.

The Committee would also report the return of Brother H. Heigerd from this Mission, on account of ill health. He was entirely prostrated in body, unable to continue his work in the Mission, where he had labored so faithfully and successfully. Nothing could save him but a return to this country. He arrived in New York, December 11th, 1864. His wife had preceded him to the same place, where she has since died. Mr. Heigerd has lately written us that his health is now good. He has a conditional appointment to Africa, but has not yet accepted it. We have met with another dark and mysterious providence in the early failure of the health of Brother Rice and his companion. His will was good, his love for his work true, but his frail constitution very soon gave way, under that withering climate which is so fatal to the white man. He landed in New York on the 26th of last July. He was just seven months and one week in the Mission service. In consequence of the want of laborers, Brother Kistler employed a Miss Mary Daoney as teacher, who came well recommended by Hon. Mr. James and Prof. Blagden. She labored acceptably some three months, and then died. A Mrs. Burns, widow of the well-known Bp. Burns, of Liberia, succeeded her; who is very competent as teacher, &c., and is very acceptable in her services. A young man by the name of Jacobs, lately from the Presbyterian Mission, has joined Brother Kistler's force, who is destined to be a valuable helper in the work for which he is preparing. We would inform the brethren that the African available fund is now overdrawn, by nearly $500; which must be

taken out of the $1000 invested. The returning Missionaries, and a heavy shipment of Goods to Africa, sent off on the 24th of last March, have made heavy drafts upon our treasury. Brethren, a native force is now in this Mission in due course of preparation, which, through God's blessing, will be a mighty power for good in that dark land. We depend upon you, to say whether the legitimate results now anticipated, and ardently desired, shall be realized or not. To be realized, you must immediately and liberally lift subscriptions, and send out a reinforcement forthwith. "Oh," says Mr. Hanson, to whom I have referred, "Oh, for a host of honest, upright, earnest, devoted, self-sacrificing, well-instructed men, to go forth, and enter this rich, ripe field!"

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts,	$19,340 91
Disbursements,	15,743 59
Balance in Treasury,	$3,597 32

AFRICAN FUND.

Receipts,	$6,323 58
Paid out,	5,787 51
Balance in Treasury,	$536 07

In concluding their report, the Executive Committee return into your hands the sacred trusts which you have long since committed to their charge. Thanking you for your continued and unbroken confidence in us, thinking that we have borne our share of the burdens in this department of the great work of our beloved Church, and believing that there are other and younger brethren that will serve you as well, we feel admonished to retire from the Executive department of our Foreign Mission. We assure you, dear brethern, that we shall never lose sight of its interests, never cease to pray for its permanency, enlargement, and saving power in the conversion of very many of the benighted heathen. May the rich blessing of the Lord of the harvest rest upon the Society, upon its work, its committee, and all its laborers! And finally, may the baptism of the Holy Spirit be vouchsafed to the churches!

Executive Committee,
J. Z. SENDERLING,
HENRY N. POHLMAN,
WM. N. SCHOLL,
ANDREW WETZEL.

GREATER INTEREST IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following resolution was proposed, and, after having been discussed at some length, the further consideration of it was postponed until the evening session:

Resolved, That we feel it to be our religious duty to make more earnest efforts in our several spheres to secure an increased interest throughout our church in the work of Foreign Missions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The nominating committee reported the following names:

President,

REV. F. W. CONRAD, D. D.

Vice-Presidents,

REV. W. J. MANN, D. D., REV. J. A. SEISS, D. D.,
REV. S. S. SCHMUCKER, D. D.

Recording Secretary,

REV. CHARLES A. HAY, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary,

REV. LUTHER E. ALBERT,

Treasurer,

MR. MARTIN BUEHLER.

Auditors,

MR. C. F. NORTON. MR. L. L. HOUPT.

Executive Committee,

REV. E. GREENWALD, D. D., *President,* REV. A. C. WEDEKIND,
" L. E. ALBERT, *Cor. Secretary,* " J. E. GRAEFF,
MR. G. P. OCKERSHAUSEN.

The above nominations, were unanimously confirmed.

THANKS TO THE RETIRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Thereupon it was

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Society are hereby tendered to the retiring Executive Committee, for their long continued and efficient labors in the department of Foreign Missions in our Church.

THANKS AND TESTIMONIAL TO CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Whereas, Our excellent Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. Z. Senderling, who has so long and faithfully served the cause of Foreign Missions in our Church, without compensation, has now resigned and is about to retire from the work; therefore,

Resolved, That we tender him our most sincere thanks for his long and faithful services;

Resolved, That we hereby instruct the Executive Committee to present to our venerable Secretary $200, as a testimonial of our high regard.

THE WHOLE CHURCH INVITED TO CO-OPERATE.

After an animated discussion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That we earnestly and affectionately invite the entire Lutheran Church in the United States, to unite with us in the great and blessed work of Foreign Missions.

MISSIONARY PERIODICAL.

The following resolution was then presented:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be and are hereby requested to consult wth the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society, with reference to the publication of a monthly pamphlet, devoted to Missionary intelligence and the cause of missions of our Church.

Pending the discussion, the Society adjourned.
Closed with prayer by Rev. E. W. Hutter.

ANNIVERSARY.

Addresses were delivered in the evening by Rev. Messrs. Senderling, Officer, McCron, Van Alstine and Harkey; after which an appeal was made to the congregation, when the following contributions were made:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO TREASURY.

Rev. D. McCron contributed $10, and other friends $15, to constitute Mrs. Conger a Life-member of the Society. Rev. Mr. Van Alstine gave $25, to make Mrs. Van Alstine a Life-member. A. Gebhart, Esq., constituted Rev. M. Officer and Rev. L. A. Gotwald, Life-members, by the payment of $50. M. Buehler, Esq., for Life-membership of Mrs. E. Rudisill, $25. A friend, for Life-membership of Rev. Dr. Harkey, $25; A friend, making Rev. Dr. Harrison a Life-member, $25; W.

S. Plumer, Esq., a Life-membership for Rev. J. B. Baltzly, $25; sundry friends, to make Rev. Dr. Conrad a Life-member, $25; St. Paul's Sunday-School, Washington City, $10, and other friends $15, Life-membership for Rev. E. W. Hutter; A. Hummel, Esq., constituting Mrs. Hummel Life-member, $25; E. Rudisill, Esq., contributed $2; Mr. J. Shawber, $15; Rev. M. W. Hamma, $1; Mr. Rudisill, $2; Rev. Dr. Sell, $10; Mr. J. G. Myer, $2; Mr. T. N. Kurtz, $5; Mr. I. Cline, $1; Mr. E. Bastic, $1; Rev. R. Smith, $1; Mr. C. Lowe, $5; Rev. J. B. Baltzly, $1; E. B. Baltzly, $1; Rev. A. Axline, $1; Rev. A. Wieting, $25; Rev. L. M. Kuhns, $1; Mr. Dan'l Sprecher, $5; Mrs. Grove, $2; Rev. A. A. Trimper, $1; Mr. I. Keller, $1; Rev. P. Raby, $1; Rev. P. Willard, $1; Mr. D. K. Ramey, $1; a friend of Missions, $5; Rev. J. Tomlinson, $1; Rev. A. H. Waters, $1; Rev. S. A. Holman, $1; I. Sulger, Esq., $1; Mr. T. Walter, 2; and sundry contributions and collections, $77 90. Total, $449 90.

SECOND SESSION.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Tuesday, May 22.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, May 22d, after the adjournment of the Home Missionary Society, the Society reassembled, and proceeded to transact the remainder of its business.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. Lefler.

The Minutes of the preceding Session, were read and approved.

LETTER FROM REV. MR. UNANGST.

A letter, just received from Rev. Unangst, missionary in India, was read by the Corresponding Secretary.

MISSIONARY PERIODICAL.

The resolution under discussion when the Society adjourned yesterday, was now taken up and adopted.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

It was also

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to seek out and employ an efficient Financial Seceretary, whose whole time shall be given to the financial department of the Mission work, and the management of the Mission Journal, if such a publication be established.

DECEASED MISSIONARIES.

Rev. Messrs. Titus, Kuhns and Senderling were appointed a committee to prepare a minute with reference to the death of Rev. Mr. Long and of Mrs. Gunn, who have served the Society in India.

These papers were subsequently handed in, as follows:

MINUTE ON REV. ADAM LONG.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Minute on the death of Rev. Adam Long respectfully report as follows:

The Rev. Adam Long and his wife, in company with Rev. W. E. Snyder and Rev. E. Unangst and their wives, sailed for India, November 21st, 1857, and entered upon their mission work at Rajahmundry, April 1st, 1858. He subsequently founded a new station at Samulcotta, from which place he again returned to Rajahmundry, September 5th, 1865, to supply the place of Bro. Gronning, who with his wife, on account of the poor health of the latter, had gone home to Germany. Brother Long was engaged in vigorously prosecuting his work and labor of love, up to the 5th of March last, when it pleased the Lord to remove him from his labors, to his rest above; having been about seven months in Rajahmundry, and almost eight years in your service. He was a devoted Missionary, deeply pious, a man of much prayer, always active and at his post of duty. Far and wide he visited the numerous villages around him, scattering the good seed of the word of God, sowing beside all waters. He distributed copiously tracts and small books, along with copies of the New Testament and the Bible. He made impressions upon the minds and hearts of thousands of heathen which will never be forgotten, and which will, we believe, bring forth in God's own time abundance of precious fruit. This death is a sad bereavement to his heart-stricken widow, and to his fatherless children, and a very heavy loss to our India Mission, especially at this juncture of its history. We therefore submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we bow in humble submission to this dispensation of Divine Providence, meekly saying, "Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight."

2. *Resolved*, That we tender to his widow and fatherless children our kind and affectionate condolence, and our prayerful remembrance.

3. *Resolved*, That we sympathize with our missionaries in India in their afflictions, both on account of the loss of a friend and a brother, and on account of the heavy tax upon their toils and cares by this loss.

4. *Resolved*, That the death of Bro. Long, like the death of the lamented Gunn and Snyder, is to be regarded as the voice of God, calling upon us to immediately fill up the ranks of the fallen.

5. *Resolved*, That we assure our surviving missionaries that we will not cease to pray and labor for their preservation, success and re-enforcement, and for the means which are necessary to help them to carry on their mission.

6. *Resolved*, That a copy of this Report and these resolutions be sent to the widow of Bro. Long, and to Bro. Unangst.

FORT WAYNE, May 23d, 1866.

J. Z. SENDERLING,
T. T. TITUS,
L. M. KUHNS.

MINUTE ON MRS. LORENA GUNN.

It becomes the sad duty of this Society to chronicle, at its present meeting, the death of Mrs. Lorena Gunn, the widow of Rev. Walter Gunn, our first missionary to India. Mrs. Gunn died at Springfield, Ohio, November 7th, 1865, after a brief and painful illness, which she bore with great resignation. Her end was full of peace and hope. Her life had been hid with Christ in God, and when the summons came, it was no unwelcome message.

Mrs. Gunn was born in the State of New York, January 17th, 1815. She was confirmed at an early age, and in the spring of 1843 was married to Rev. Mr. Gunn, and sailed with him to India the following November. As a devoted wife and exemplary Christian, she labored among the benighted children of idolatry with much zeal, patience and success till her husband's death in July, 1851. Two years later she returned to America, and settled at Springfield, Ohio. She brought two interesting children with her,—Luther and Ella. The latter died in September, 1863, just as she was blooming into womanhood, and the former fell mortally wounded at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, June, 1864. Bereft of all her loved ones, Mrs. Gunn endured calmly the terrible blows which laid them low, and with serene faith awaited the hour of her own departure. In view of the above facts, the following resolutions are put on record:

1. *Resolved*, That this Society has heard with sorrow of the death of Mrs. Lorena Gunn, whose services in India, and subsequent deep interest and fervent prayers in behalf of the missionary cause, endeared her to every member of the Society.

2. *Resolved*, That in the strong faith and humble piety of Mrs. Gunn, we have an exemplification of what Divine grace can do for those who yield to its influence.

3. *Resolved*, That the deep waters of affliction through which the deceased passed in her earthly pilgrimage, borne so patiently by her, attest the truth of the Apostle's declaration: "The Lord loveth whom he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

4. *Resolved*, That we sincerely sympathize with the surviving sisters and relatives, from whom the Lord has removed one so well beloved, and so worthy of their affection; and we will unite with them in cherishing her memory and imitating her piety.

T. T. TITUS.
L. M. KUHNS.
J. Z. SENDERLING.

SYMPATHY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES.

Resolved, That this Society express, at this juncture, its sincere sympathy for our remaining missionaries in India and Africa, and that we will continue to pray for them, that the Head of the Church may comfort and support them in their trials, and grant them continued success.

RE-ENFORCEMENT OF INDIA MISSION.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to re-enforce our mission in India, and to provide men and means without delay.

The following report was presented.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

FORT WAYNE, IND., May 23d, 1866.

The Committee, appointed to audit the Report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Society, respectfully report that they have examined the same and found it correct; showing a balance in the General Fund of three thousand, five hundred and ninety-seven dollars, and thirty-two cents, ($3597.32); and in the African Fund, five hundred and thirty-six dollars, and seven cents, ($536.07); in all, four thousand, one hundred and thirty-three dollars, and thirty-nine cents, ($4133.39.)

C. F. NORTON,
LEWIS L. HOUPT. } *Aud. Com.*

RECAPITULATION.

INDIA MISSION.—Balance on hand from last report,	$3137.91	
CHINESE MISSION.— " " " "	870.15	
		$4008.06
INDIA MISSION.—Receipts from May, 1864, to May, 1866,	$15110.55	
CHINESE MISSION.— " " "	222.30	
		$15332.85
AFRICAN MISSION.—Balance on hand from last report,	$3143.81	
" " Receipts from May, 1864, to May, 1866,	3179.77	
		$6323.58

Adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Rev. C. L. Ehrenfeld.

CHARLES A. HAY,
Rec. Sec. of For. Mis. Soc.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF

The Evangelical Lutheran Church

IN THE UNITED STATES.

(As amended in 1841.)

ARTICLE I. The name of this Society shall be "THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES;" and shall embrace all churches and individuals who may comply with the conditions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Society is to promote the Foreign Missionary spirit, and to assist in extending the knowledge of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, throughout the habitable world.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society, by the annual payment of one dollar or more; the payment of twenty-five dollars shall constitute him or her a member for life. Honorary members may be elected by the Society at the regular meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, an Executive Committee of five, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer and two Auditors, and such other officers as shall from time to time be found necessary; all of whom shall continue in office until others are chosen. All officers shall be elected at the regular meetings of the Society, at which nine members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V. It shall be the duty of the President, and, in his absence, of the oldest Vice-President present, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to perform such other official acts as shall at any time be assigned him by the Society.

ARTICLE VI. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings, and to notify the meetings of the Society at the call of the President.

ARTICLE VII. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct and superintend the correspondence of the Society, and of the Executive Committee, of which he shall be an *ex officio* member.

ARTICLE VIII. The Treasurer shall take charge of the Society's funds, and shall keep for the Society all moneys, notes, bonds, and other evidences of property; and shall pay out money only by order of the Executive Committee, taking proper vouchers for all moneys paid out, and keeping an accurate account of the Society's receipts and expenditures. He shall make a full report to the Society at each regular meeting, properly audited, of the receipts and expenditures, and he shall also make a quarterly exhibition of the state of the funds to the Executive Committee; and, whenever called upon by the Executive Committee, he shall exhibit his books, accounts, vouchers, and other evidences of property. He may be required by the Executive Committee to give bonds for the faithful execution of his trust.

ARTICLE IX. The Auditors shall examine the books and vouchers of the Treasurer annually, and if they shall find his accounts correctly kept and well vouched, they shall give a certificate accordingly, which certificate they shall enter in full in the Treasurer's book, and cause a duplicate to be transmitted to the Society, with the Treasurer's account or regular report.

ARTICLE X. The Executive Committee shall have the charge and management of the various interests and operations of the Society, taking all proper measures to excite and cherish a Foreign Missionary spirit. They shall endeavor to procure suitable missionaries; to encourage theological students to devote themselves to the work of Foreign Missions; to bring all the churches, by auxiliary societies and otherwise, to contribute liberally and regularly to the Foreign Missionary cause; to direct the Secretary and Treasurer in the performance of their duties; to appoint such other local or travelling agents as may be necessary to the vigorous prosecution of the business intrusted to them; and to report to the Society at each of its meetings a full account of their proceedings. They shall meet as often as necessary, and three of their number shall constitute a quorum at any regular meeting. They may adopt any By-Laws not inconsistent with the Constitution of this Society.

ARTICLE XI. The meetings of this Society shall be held annually at such time and place as they may fix upon.

ARTICLE XII. Any Society may become auxiliary to this Society, by adopting the general principles of this Constitution, and resolving to co-operate with them; and the officers of auxiliary societies shall be *ex officio* members of the Parent Society.

ARTICLE XIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; the proposed alteration either having been recommended by the Executive Committee, or having been submitted to the Society at a previous meeting.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Home Missionary Society of the General Synod assembled in the Lutheran Church under the pastoral care of Rev. Wm. P. Ruthrauff, at Fort Wayne, Ind., at 2 o clock, May 22, 1866.

In the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents, Rev. Dr. Harkey, took the chair, and the meeting was opened with appropriate religious exercises.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

After the reading of the Minutes, a Committee was appointed to nominate officers.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Executive Committee was thereupon presented, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In presenting their Ninth Report, the Executive Committee would acknowledge the goodness of God as displayed towards our Mission work during the past two years. Impressed with the necessity of a General Superintendent of Missions, as recommended, we were fortunate in securing the services of Rev. M. Officer, so well and favorably known to the Church as most eminently qualified for this work; who entered upon its duties November 1st, 1864, and has continued until the present.

The subjoined is an exhibit of our operations:

Item 1st. Synods co-operating with the Society, and the Proportion they constitute of the General Synod.

The following Synods have been in active co-operation with the Society during the past two years, viz.: Synod of Maryland, West Pennsylvania, Wittenberg, East Ohio, Melanchthon, East Pennsylvania, Olive Branch, Northern Indiana, Iowa, and Miami. Thirty dollars were contributed by the Synod of Kentucky, recently disbanded. These constitute about one-third of the General Synod.

Item 2d. The Amount of Funds received in 1864 *and* 1865.

From the Synod of Maryland, $548.00; West Pennsylvania, $603.69; Miami, $83.00; Wittenberg, $307.16; East Ohio, $666.00; Melanchthon, $100.00; East Pennsylvania, $800.00; Northern Indiana, 76.15; Olive Branch, $100.90; Iowa, $20.65. Total, $3305.55. Amount collected by the General Superintendent, $1876.74. Amount received from missionaries, $149.71.

Item 3d. The Results of the Society's Operations.

Whole number of Missionaries assisted, 42. Number withdrawn, 21. Of this number, a larger proportion withdrew because their congregations became self-sustaining, some removed into other fields of labor, and several were discontinued. None have died. Number at present on the funds, 21, as follows; Rev. J. H. Brown, Alliance, Ohio; Rev. P. J. Bell, New Castle, Ind.; Rev. R. F. Delo, Elkhart, Ind.; Rev. S. P. Harrington, Monrovia, Kansas; Rev. A. M. Geiger, Des Moines, Iowa; Rev. E. Miller, Springfield, Ills.; Rev. H. I. Watkins, Canal Dover, Ohio; Rev. J. F. Scherer, Mount Vernon, Ohio; Rev. H. H. Hottsgreve, Herman, Mo.; Rev. J. H. Bradley, South Baltimore Mission; Rev. H. M. Brewer, Dongola, Ills.; Rev. J. Henderson, Jarvis, Ind.; Rev. C. F. Heyer, New Ulm, Minn.; Rev. J. Wolf, Sand Creek, Minn.; Rev. F. W. Hoffmann, Still Water, Washington County, Minn.; Rev. A. Kuhn, Cottage Grove, Minn.; Rev. John Ossea, Hennepin County, Minn.; Rev. L. Emmel, Crow River, Minn.; Rev. Bruns, Fuchison, McLeod County, Minn.; Rev. R. Weise, La Seur County, Minn.; Rev. F. Reitz, Minn.: making in Minnesota nine missionaries. Number of congregations organized, 10; number of churches built, 17; whole number of members added, 790; infant baptisms, 615; number of catechumens reported, 457; number of Sabbath-Schools, 42; number of scholars, 2807.

Item 4th. The Prospects of the Field.

We find the prospects of the field such as to offer increased demand for mission work; more especially the *Great West.* The sections we regard as most important for missionary effort, and more urgently calling for it, are Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota. In each of these States there is a number of important cities—centres of influence, demanding increased attention; such as Jefferson City, Hannibal, Macon City, St. Louis, Sedalia, &c., in Missouri; Quincy, Ills., &c.; and other equally important points not so well known to the committee.

Item 5th. The Difficulties attending the Work.

These are the following: viz.: (A.) *Want of suitable men.* The Committee have been unable to find suitable men to supply all the important points presenting themselves, though they have spared no proper efforts to obtain them. There has been an unusual number of prominent places destitute and demanding supplies; and new fields, most promising, have presented themselves. The large number of important places in the Eastern churches has also had its influence in increasing the difficulties of the Executive Committee in obtaining proper persons to carry on their work. (B.) *The want of co-operation with the Home Missionary Society.* As will be seen by reference to the number of Synods co-operating with us, growing out of the general tendency to *isolation* and *separate synodical action,* the operations of the Society have been greatly restricted, and its results necessarily curtailed.

Item 6th. Recommendations.

In consequence of the tendency alluded to in the Church, the Committee, after much anxious thought and consideration, are led (1) to *propose* to the Society the dissolution of the organization, and the distribution of the existing missions among the several district Synods. But if this proposition should not be favorably entertained, then (2) we would *recommend* that the Constitution of the Society be so altered as to limit its membership to those actually co-operating with it, together with such other amendments as will make it embrace several important provisions heretofore authorized by resolutions.

May the Great Head of the Church smile upon the Society, and bless its efforts for the advancement of his kingdom!

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. MORRIS, *President.* H. BISHOP, *Cor. Sec'y.*

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The nominating Committee reported the following names:

President,
REV. S. S. SCHMUCKER, D.D.

Vice Presidents,

REV. S. W. HARKEY, D.D.,	CHARLES KUGLER, ESQ.,
" E. GREENWALD, D.D.,	ALEXANDER GEBHART, ESQ.,
" C. A. HAY, D.D.,	HENRY SAXTON, ESQ.

Recording Secretary,
REV. J. H. HECK.

Corresponding Secretary,
REV. H. BISHOP.

Treasurer,
PETER KEPHART, ESQ.

Executive Committee,

REV. J. G. MORRIS, D.D.,	PETER KEPHART, ESQ.,
" H. BISHOP,	T. NEWTON KURTZ, ESQ.,
" C. A. STORK,	REV. G. H. BRANDAU.

These nominations were confirmed.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT RECEIVED.

The Treasurer's Account was presented. It was ordered that an abstract thereof be printed. The Report was then referred to an auditing committee, consisting of D. A. Buehler, Esq., Rev. J. G. Butler, and Mr. A. S. Pratt.

ABSTRACT.

The Treasurer, Mr. G. W. Leisenring, received from May 17th, 1864, to May 1st, 1866, as follows:

From different Synods co-operating with us, the sum of	$3308.87	
From Rev. M. Officer, General Agent, as collected by him	1876.74	
From the sundry Congregations, Missions and Individuals	515.32	
From former Treasurer, J. R. Drege, Esq	3689.39	
Total Receipts		$9390.32
The Treasurer paid out during the same time to Missionaries, &c., per orders		$6832.74
Balance in the Treasury, May 1st, 1866		$2557.58

Appropriations made by the Executive Committee, and falling due between May 1st, 1866 and June 1st, 1867, amount to $2,662.50.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT DISPOSED OF.

The report of the Executive Committee was read, and the first five items were adopted. It was

Resolved, That the first part of Item 6th, proposing the dissolution of the Society, be not concurred in; and that the second part, from "We would recommend that the Constitution of the Society be so altered," etc., be adopted.

AMENDED CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

An amended Constitution was offered for consideration. It was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings. [It succeeds these Minutes.]

REPORT TO BE PRINTED.

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee be published in the Minutes of the General Synod.

REGULATIONS FOR ANNIVERSARY.

Resolved, That one hour be allowed for speaking at the anniversary meeting this evening, and that the speakers be severally limited to fifteen minutes.

LETTER ON KANSAS AFFAIRS.

A communication on missionary affairs in Kansas was referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was submitted, received and adopted.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Account, have discharged the duty assigned them, having carefully examined and compared the vouchers placed in their hands. We find the account correct, and the payments sustained by vouchers, except the amounts paid to Rev. J. M. Frey, $80; Rev. A. M. Tanner, $50; and Rev. C. F. Heyer, $300. We find no vouchers for these items, but have no doubt the sums mentioned were paid out. The account shows a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, May 1st, 1866, of $2557.58.

D. A. BUEHLER,
A. S. PRATT,
J. G. BUTLER.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. E. Breidenbaugh.

ANNIVERSARY.

The congregation united in singing the 895th hymn. The 35th chapter of Isaiah was read and prayer offered by Rev. M. W. Hamma.

Animated addresses were then delivered by Rev. Messrs. R. Hill, H. W. Kuhns, J. A. Kunkelman, and J. G. Butler.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

A collection was then taken up amounting to $275. The following persons were made life members by the payment of $25 each, by the persons whose names are annexed: General U. S. Grant, by A. Wieting; Sec. of Treas. McCulloch, by Dr. E. Greenwald, Mr. A. S. Pratt and others; Rev. H. W. Kuhns, by Prof. L. Sternberg, Rev. J. Evans, Dr. C. A. Hay, I. Zeh, M.D., and Mr. Lutz; Rev. J. G. Butler, by Rev. P. Raby, Hon. C. Kugler, Dr. I. Zeh, and Messrs. Wilhelm and Bennet; Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, by Thos. Lane; Mrs. Kunkelman, by John Ohr, Esq.; Rev. Mrs. J. B. Baltzly, by Thomas Walters; Gen. O. O. Howard, by H. S. Boner, Esq.; Rev. G. F. Stelling, by Mr. A. Hummel; Rev. H. Wells, by Rev. A. H. Myers and others.

The services closed by singing the doxology and pronouncing the benediction.

J. H. HECK,
Rec. Sec. of Home Mis. Soc.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

(AMENDED.)

ART. I. The name of this Society shall be the "Home Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

ART. II. The Object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute portions of our Church and people with the preached Word and the Holy Sacraments.

ART. III. The Members of this Society shall consist, *first*, of all the delegates to the General Synod, from Synods co-operating with the Society, who are present at any stated meeting of the Society; *secondly*, of all ministers who with their charges co-operate with the Society; and, *thirdly*, of all persons who have been duly constituted life-members, and who may hereafter be made life-members, by the contribution of twenty-five dollars to the funds of the Society. But if, at any time hereafter, all the Synods composing the General Synod shall cease their separate Home Missionary operations, and shall co-operate with this Society, then, if the General Synod choose so to do, it shall become the Society; that is, shall take charge of the Home Missionary interests and work, and shall appoint therefor its own agencies.

ART. IV. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, one Recording Secretary, and one Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of six persons, two of whom shall be laymen, and two of whom shall be the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

ART. V. The Treasurer shall give sufficient security, and shall pay out no money except by an order of the Executive Committee, signed by the Chairman.

ART. VI. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with the Missionaries and receive their reports, shall from time to time prepare abstracts of these reports for publication in the church papers, and shall render to the Society a summary report of the missionary work at each stated meeting.

ART. VII. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the appointment of missionaries, whether stationed or travelling; shall determine their fields of labor and the amount of their appropriations by the Society; and may appoint a Superintendent, who, under their direction, shall have a general supervision of the work. They may also adopt such By-Laws, for their own government, as may be necessary to carry out the designs of the Society; and they shall supply all vacancies in their own number until the next meeting of the Society.

ART. VIII. The Stated Meetings of the Society shall be held at the time and place of the meetings of the General Synod; and special meetings, when deemed necessary by the Executive Committee, shall be called by the President.

ART. IX. The Officers of the Synods co-operating with the Society, or a Standing Committee appointed by each of the said Synods, shall constitute an Advisory Committee, with whom the Executive Committee shall consult in reference to Home Missionary operations within their respective bounds.

ART. X. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except at a stated meeting, and then only by a vote of two-thirds of the attending members, these latter being not less than fifteen.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

The Church Extension Society held a session, following the adjournment of the Foreign Missionary Society, on Tuesday afternoon, May 22nd, 1866. Hon. C. Kugler was called to the chair, and Rev. T. T. Titus appointed Secretary.

Rev. Prof. J. Swartz offered prayer.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. E. W. Hutter, Corresponding Secretary, read a Report of the operations of the Society for the last two years.

REPORT.

The Executive Committee of the Church Extension Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, beg leave most respectfully to report:

That since the meeting of the Society at York, two years ago, comparatively little has been done by the Executive Committee. Few applications for loans have been received. We account for this by the fact, that the high price of materials and labor, incident to the war, has so extensively retarded church building, that but few new enterprises have been prosecuted. Some of the applications for loans we have been compelled to reject, for the reason that the money asked for was not to be appropriated to the erection of new churches, but to the liquidation of church debts, which latter class of applications, we wish the brethren to bear in mind, do not come within the purview of the Society.

NEW LOANS.

Since our last meeting, loans have been granted to Evangelical Lutheran churches at the following named places, the applicants having in all instances complied with the requirements in such cases made and provided, viz.:

West Liberty, Ohio	$500
St. Stephen's, West Philadelphia	500
Canton, Fulton County, Ills	500
	$1500
Add loan specially and informally made to Mill Hill, Cabarras County, N. C	200
	$1700

NEW CONTRIBUTIONS.

None have been received since our last meeting. None have been asked for from the churches by the Executive Committee, for the reason that no applications have been pending, which we were not fully able to meet without it, as we have during these two years uniformly had a balance in the Treasury of between two and three thousand dollars. There being more money on hand than demands for it, of a character that we could grant, it was deemed superfluous, of course, to urge fresh collections.

OBLIGATIONS PAID.

Since our last meeting, the sum of $2,542 has been received from obligations paid. The churches, whence these sums were received, are stated in the Treasurer's Report. Besides the above, $446.22 have been received for interest.

DEBTS DUE, BUT NOT PAID.

These amouut in the aggregate to the sum of $5,847, and are due from the following named churches, viz.:

Zion Evang. Luth. Church,				St. Paris, Ohio	$200 00
"	"	"	"	Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio	400 00
St. John's		"	"	New Castle, Henry Co., Ind.	400 00
German Evang.		"	"	Quilu, Texas	200 00
German	"	"	"	Castroville, Texas	300 00
	"	"	"	Columbus, Texas	100 00
1st Eng.	"	"	"	Mendota, Ills	300 00
Amity	"	"	"	Lena, Ills	300 00
English	"	"	"	East German, Ind	500 00
St. John's	"	"	"	Benton Township, Hocking Co,, O	100 00
German	"	"	"	Watertown, Wis	167 00
First	"	"	"	Knoxville, Marion Co., Iowa	400 00
English	"	"	"	Davenport, Iowa	500 00
Zion	"	"	"	Lykenstown, Pa	500 00
First	"	"	"	Mt. Carroll, Carroll Co., Ills	300 00
Christ	"	"	"	Quakertown, Pa	500 00
German	"	"	"	Camden, N. J	400 00
Emmanuel	"	"	"	Trevorton, Pa	140 00
St. Samuel Ev. Luth.			"	Perry Co., Pa	140 00
					$5847 00

Some of these obligations came to maturity as long as ten years ago, and during half that time have been bearing interest. In former years, the pastors and councils of these churches were warmly importuned, if possible, to pay back the money loaned them. Great leniency has certainly been exercised. The money having been *loaned*, and not granted as a *gift*, there exists the strongest moral obligation on the part of these churches to refund it. If this were done, it could be re-loaned to other feeble congregations, and thus,

as was said of the Master, "go about, doing good." Some of these delinquent churches, no doubt, will have representatives present at the General Synod, and we suggest that they be requested to furnish needful explanations as to the reasons of these delinquencies. As to the proper course to be pursued in regard to these churches, we have no suggestions to offer. The subject is left to the wisdom of the Society.

NOTES NOT YET DUE.

German Evang. Luth. Church,	Camden, N. J	$100
Emmanuel's " " "	Trevorton, Pa	70
German " " "	Farmington, Iowa	75
St. Samuel's " " "	Perry County, Pa	210
" " "	West Liberty, Ohio	500
St. Stephen's " " "	West Philadelphia, Pa	500
First " " "	Canton, Ills	500
Evangelical Lutheran Church,	Mill Hill, N. C	200
		$2,155

ASSETS OF SOCIETY.

From the Treasurer's Report, it will be seen that the total fund of the Society, derived from all sources, amounts to $12,200.20. This is still far from the $50,000 originally contemplated. Taking into account the amount of means at its command, the Society has, nevertheless, proved an agency of much good, having contributed to the erection of a large number of churches in various portions of the land. It is fervently to be hoped, that, under the blessing of God, a fresh stimulus may ere long be imparted to its operations, and that the liberal and beneficent designs of its founders may yet be realized.

The balance in the Treasurer's hands is $4,198.20.

AID TO SOUTHERN CHURCHES.

On the 17th of January, 1866, the following preamble and resolutions, offered by the Corresponding Secretary, were adopted by the Executive Committee, viz:

Whereas, All accounts agree, that the war has left many of the Southern Lutheran churches in a condition of destitution, such as appeals to the Christian sympathies of their brethren in more favored localities, and it is the sincere wish of this Committee to contribute all in its power to the relief of said churches; be it therefore

Resolved, That on all loans heretofore voted to Southern Lutheran churches we hereby grant an extension of three years, dating from January 1st, 1866, during which period no interest be charged on their obligations.

And, *Whereas* we have received information that the Lutheran church at Mill Hill, Cabarras county, North Carolina, of which the Rev. J. S. Heilig is pastor; is in peril of being sold by legal process for a debt of two hundred dollars, be it, therefore,

Resolved, That in order to rescue the Mill Hill church from such a catastrophe, we do hereby extend to it a loan of $200 for five years, without interest, and will trust to the Society, at its next meeting, at Fort Wayne, Ind.,

to relieve this action of ours from any irregularity that may be found to characterize it. To meet an extreme exigency, we have made this a special case.

Your Committee would state that the loan could not have been granted to the Mill Hill church, under the constitution of the Society. Three difficulties stood in the way: 1. The congregation is not in connection with any District Synod belonging to the General Synod of the United States. 2. The loan was asked to pay a church debt. 3. The congregation was not able to grant the first mortgage. Nevertheless, as an evidence of GOOD WILL to our Lutheran brethren in a Southern State, and to rescue one of their churches from the hands of the Sheriff, we decided to vote them the money, and trust to the Society to ratify our action, one of our number, M. Buehler, Esquire, mean while making himself personally responsible to the Society for the repayment of the money, in case the Society should fail to ratify it. That action, dictated by this praiseworthy and eminently Christian motive, we beg the Society will approve and confirm.

Respectfully submitted.

E. W. HUTTER,
Corresponding Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, May 12th, 1866.

REPORT ADOPTED.

The Report was, on motion, received, and adopted with the following:

Resolved, That the loan granted by the Executive Committee to the Church of Mill Hill, in the State of North Carolina, be, and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed; thus absolving Mr. Martin Buehler from any personal responsibility in the premises.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Isaac Sulger, Esq., in behalf of the Treasurer, read the Treasurer's Report, which was referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Heck and Titus.

REPORT.

Wm. M. Heyl, Treasurer, in Account with the Church Extension Society.

1864.		Dr.
May 11.	To Balance	$2917 98
June 6.	" Cash received from the Ev. Luth. Church, Springfield	300 00
July 25.	" do. Emmanuel German Luth. Church, Trevorton, Pa.	70 00
Nov. 19.	" do. Ev. Luth. Church, Sterling, Ill.	227 00
	Carried over	$3514 98

	Brought over		$3514 98
Dec. 27.	To Cash received from the Ev. Luth. Church, Wrightsville, Pa.		500 00
29.	" do. Emmanuel German Luth. Church, Trevorton, Pa.		70 00
31.	" do. Penn'a Life Ins. and Trust Co., interest on deposits to Nov. 30.	$56 08	
	Less back interest on U. S. Bonds	53 13	2 95
1865.			
Jan. 12.	" do. St. Matthew's Luth. Church, Schuylkill Haven, Pa.		300 00
24.	" do. Ev. Luth. Church, Liberty, Ind.		300 00
March 1.	" do. Interest on temporary investment		65 25
April 3.	" do. Mt. Pisgah Luth. Church, Indianapolis, Ind.		500 00
May 6.	" do. Germ. Luth. Cong. of St. John, Farmington, Iowa		75 00
June 13.	" do. Ev. Luth. Church, Columbus, Iowa		200 00
Sept. 1.	" do. Interest on U. S. Bonds		90 00
Nov. 15.	" do. do. from Church at Columbus, Ind.		81 00
	" do. do. in purchasing 7.30 Treasury Notes		4 10
30.	" do. Penn'a Life Ins. and Trust Co., interest on deposits		57 90
1866.			
Jan. 15.	" do. Interest on City Bond		6 00
	" do. do. 7.30 U. S. Treasury Notes		36 50
March 3.	" do. do. 10-40 U. S. Bonds		84 52
April 5.	" do. do. from Mt. Carroll Luth. Church		18 00
			$5906 20

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1866.		
May.	By an order drawn in favor of the following parties:	
	W. M. Heyl, expenses to Synod	$ 8 00
	The Luth. Congregation at West Liberty, Logan Co., O.	500 00
	" " Mill Hill, N. C.	200 00
	St. Stephen's Luth. Church, West Philadelphia	500 00
	The 1st Ev. Luth. Church, Canton, Ill.	500 00
	" Balance on hand, May 12th, 1866	4198 20
		$5906 20

Assets of the Society.

Notes and Loans due but unpaid	$5847 00
Notes not yet due	2155 00
United States 10-40, 5 per cent. Bonds	2500 00
" 7.30 Treasury Notes	1000 00
Bond of the City of Philadelphia	200 00
Cash deposited in the Penn'a Life Ins. and Trust Co.	498 20
	$12,200 20

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, the following officers of the Society were elected:

President,
HON. CHARLES KUGLER.

Corresponding Secretary,
REV. E. W. HUTTER.

Recording Secretary,
T. T. TITUS.

Treasurer,
WM. M. HEYL, Esq.

Executive Committee,
MR. MARTIN BUEHLER, MR. JAMES MONROE,
" ISAAC SULGER, DR. C. M. KREITZER,
MR. REUBEN B. MILLER.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined the Treasurer's Report and found it correct. The report was received and adopted.

On motion, the Society adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown.

T. T. TITUS,
Rec. Sec'y of Ch. Ex. Soc.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be termed *The Church Extension Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States*, whose object shall be to establish a fund of at least fifty thousand dollars, to assist poor and destitute Lutheran congregations in obtaining houses of worship.

ART. II.—This Society shall hold its meetings at the time and place of the meeting of every General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, or at such time and place as the Society may designate; when there shall be elected a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and five Managers. The Managers, with the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

The officer presiding at any meeting of the Society shall have no vote, excepting a casting vote, when there is a tie. The Corresponding Secretary shall exercise a superintendence over the affairs of the Society, and seek, by correspondence, communication, &c., to promote its interests.

The Treasurer shall pay out no moneys except upon orders signed by four of the Managers. Any surplus funds he shall, with the advice and consent of the Managers, safely invest, returnable at call; and he shall give such security as the Managers shall require, for the faithful performance of his trust.

ART. III.—The Executive Committee shall appoint their own chairman and secretary. They may enact rules for their own government, and amend or repeal the same at pleasure; they shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and report their transactions to each meeting of the Society. They shall hear all applications for aid, requiring the conditions hereinafter named, and draw orders on the Treasurer, as prescribed in Art. II., paragraph 3; provided that every member of the committee shall have an opportunity of being heard.

ART. IV.—Aid shall be extended only to congregations destitute of a suitable house of worship, whose pastor is a member in good standing, of any regular Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the United States; and no congregation shall be allowed more than one thousand dollars, at the discretion of the Executive Committee; which allowance shall not be considered as a gift, but as a loan without interest, and which shall be repaid into the common Church Extension Fund, at such times, and in such instalments as the Execu-

tive Committee may require, and such loan shall be made to assume a legal form.

ART. V.—It shall be necessary for each congregation asking aid, to observe the following rules and regulations, viz.:

1. They shall use every exertion among themselves to raise funds for their church edifice.

2. The church edifice shall be plain and substantial, without any unnecessary cost and expenditure.

3. They shall exhibit a just estimate of the cost of building, and the amount of money, or its equivalent, already furnished or secured.

4. They shall state the condition of the neighborhood in which the congregation is organized, and the number of members, and the future prospects.

5. These facts shall be certified by the pastor and church council to the officers of their Synod, and by the latter to the Executive Committee.

6. Any congregation applying shall be an incorporated Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ART. VI.—Any person may become a member of this Society, by an annual contribution to the funds of the Society; or by the payment of thirty dollars, or more, given at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

ART. VII.—The members of the General Synod shall be *ex officio* members of this Society, and shall be competent to transact business; but the officers and standing committees shall be composed of laymen, excepting the Corresponding Secretary, who may be a clergyman.

ART. VIII.—This Society shall be the Parent Society, to which Societies formed by district Synods shall be auxiliary, provided they pay into the general fund the funds collected within their bounds. The members of the auxiliary societies shall be members of the Parent Society.

ART. IX.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any stated meeting of the Society, by a majority of the members present—three months' notice of any contemplated alteration or amendment having first been given in the papers of the Church.

BY-LAWS.

1. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill, *ad interim*, any vacancies that may occur by the death or resignation of any of the officers of the Society.

2. The Executive Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Society, at such time and place as they may deem necessary.

3. The collection of funds, as provided for by resolution of the Meeting held at Winchester, Va., May 21st, 1853, shall be made by subscription, or otherwise, as the respective congregations shall deem most advisable.

4. The sums thus raised shall be transmitted directly to the Treasuer of the Society, and be reported by the pastors to their respective Synods, for the purpose of being regularly entered upon the Minutes, with their parochial reports.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Publication Society of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church was held in Fort Wayne, Ind., May 23d, 2 o'clock, P. M., 1866.

The President of the Society, Hon. C. Kugler, called the meeting to order.

Prayer was offered by Rev. T. Stork, D.D.

The Minutes of the previous regular meeting were then read and approved.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, Rev. L. E. Albert, being absent, his report of their operations was read by Rev. P. Willard, the General Agent of the Society. This report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Lutheran Board of Publication desire to offer their seventh report to the Society which they represent. The object of the Publication Society, as expressed in its Constitution, is, by *means of translations and original productions, to furnish a suitable literature for the Church, and promote its circulation.* This object the "Board of Publication" have steadily kept in view, as the following *exhibit* of its published works, from the time of its organization until the present period, will clearly prove.

PUBLICATIONS.

1. The Blind Girl of Wittenberg. A Life Picture of the Times of Luther and the Reformation, translated from the German by Rev. John G. Morris, D.D.
2. Luther's Christmas Tree, by Rev. T. Stork, D.D.
3. The same in German, by Rev. G. A. Wenzel.
4. Deutsches Spruchbuch. (Scripture Proofs of Luther's Catechism, in German,) by J. C. Haas.
5. Luther's Smaller Catechism, with additions, including the Augsburg Confession, translated from the original German, by Rev. C. F. Schaeffer, D.D.
6. Plea for the Augsburg Confession, by Rev. W. J. Mann, D.D.

7. History of the Lutheran Church in America, from the settlement of the Swedes on the Delaware, to the middle of the 18th Century, by Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D.D.

8. Memoir of the Life and Times of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, D.D., Patriarch of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, by Prof. M. L. Stoever.

9. Christmas Book for Children, by Rev. T. Stork, D.D.

10. Jesus in the Temple, by Rev. T. Stork, D.D.

11. Same in German, by Rev. G. A. Wenzel.

12. The Mission of the General Synod. Sermon delivered before General Synod at Pittsburg, May 19, 1859, by Rev. Simeon W. Harkey, D.D.

13. Bogatzky's Golden Treasury. (English and German.) The English translated by Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D.D.

14. The Schoolmaster and His Son. A narrative of events which occurred during the Thirty Years' War. Translated from the German by Rev. K. H. Caspari.

15. Tract. A brief survey of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, being the substance of a Discourse preached at Pottstown, Pa., by Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D.

16. African Bible Pictures, or Scripture Scenes and Customs in Africa, by Rev. Morris Officer.

17. Family Prayers for Morning and Evening, and the Festivals of the Church Year, by Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D.D.

18. Sunday School Hymn Book, published by order of the General Synod.

19. Lutheran Hymn Book of the General Synod, three different sizes.

20. A Tract on Regeneration, by Rev. H. L. Baugher, D.D.

21. A Tract on Family Religion, by Rev. M. Valentine.

22. A Tract, entitled, "A Brief Sketch of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America," by Prof. M. L. Stoever.

23. Life Pictures from the Missionary Field. A Christmas Book for the Young, by Rev. W. J. Mann, D.D.

24. Same in German, by Rev. G. A. Wenzel.

25. Lutheran Home Journal, in bound volumes.

26. Hymns for Infants.

27. Lutheran Sunday-School Herald, edited by Rev. M. Sheeleigh. This monthly is now in its seventh year.

28. Frank's Friend.

29. Simple Conversations on Engineering.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LITERATURE.

Since our last report, nothing new has been published, owing in part to the pecuniary pressure caused by the War, and partly to the fact that nothing suitable has been offered to the Board for publication. The Board, however, have made some progress towards the furnishing of a suitable Sunday School Literature for the Church, being at present engaged in selecting proper works from other Depositories, and in soliciting original contributions from ministers and others in our own Church.

"THE LUTHERAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL HERALD."

It will be, no doubt, gratifying to the Society to learn that the "Lutheran Sunday School Herald" is self-supporting, and is deservedly popular wher-

ever it is circulated. Measures should be devised to increase largely the number of its subscribers, and greater interest should be manifested by those who have the ability to write for children, to furnish interesting articles for its columns.

CONDITION OF DEPOSITORY.

The following statement in reference to the present condition of our Depository may not be without interest to the Society.

Amount of Stock in Store	$4460.31	
" " " " Sheets	825.22	
Fixtures valued	259.22	
Total, as per Inventory		$5044 75

ASSETS.

Book accounts considered *good*	$3469 76	
" " " doubtful	1030 53	
Total as per Balance Sheet		$4500 29

LIABILITIES.

Book accounts, as per Balance Sheet	$992 50
Cash on hand	$100 00
The Stereotype Plates in possession of the Board amount in the aggregate to	$1149 63

From this it will be seen that the Store is also self-supporting, and that it needs only a larger capital with which to operate, and the hearty co-operation of the Church at large, to make it every thing the Society anticipated in its establishment. It undoubtedly accomplishes all that it can do amid the disadvantages under which it labors, and if its business is to be extended in the future, and the same inducements be offered by it to purchasers as the best of houses offer, it must be supplied with the means of enlargement and with every other requisite that contributes to prosperity. The Local Agent, T. L. Schrack, Esq., has certainly been attentive to his duties, and deserves the commendation of the Society.

GENERAL AGENT'S WORK.

Our General Agent, the Rev. P. Willard, has been actively engaged, since his appointment, in collecting funds, and in promoting the objects for which the Board of Publication was established. Although his success has not been equal to his desires and persevering labors, still it has not been discouraging, especially when the times are taken into consideration, and the fact that from many of the best fields the harvest has long since been gathered. It is to be lamented that he has been studiously excluded from some of our most prosperous charges, and his work rendered thereby the more tedious and arduous. May we not hope that the time will soon come when he will be welcomed every where, and the obstacles, whatever they may be, which now impede his agency, be removed forever!

THE BOARD.

The Meetings of the Board of Publication since the last Report was rendered have been reasonably well attended. It must be remembered that most of

the active members of the Board are the pastors of large and flourishing congregations, whose demands upon their time and labor are great, and almost incessant. Attendance upon all the meetings of the Board is frequently impossible, and, as a natural consequence, there is not that despatch in business which those abroad deem so desirable. The work, however, which the Board accomplishes year after year, is considerable, and deserves more, in the way of appreciation, than it is accustomed to receive. Of this, at least, the Society may be assured, that the Board seek, most conscientiously, to promote its interests, regret that more is not accomplished, are aware of what is expected, and realize fully the difficulties which they continually encounter.

THE CHURCH'S DUTY TO THE SOCIETY.

The Publication Society can undoubtedly become a great blessing to our Church in this country. Its friends should rally around it, and leave nothing undone that might increase its efficiency and usefulness. The Church should be a unit in regard to it, and seek earnestly for a common ground, upon which to stand and work for the Divine Redeemer. Committing, therefore, again its interests to the sympathy of every well-wisher of our Zion, and to the care and control of Him by whose blessing alone it can attain to permanent usefulness, we will look forward with hope and confidence to the future.

LUTHER E. ALBERT,
Cor. Sec.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBERS.

Annual contributions, amounting to ninety dollars, were paid in by the members.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A Committee, consisting of the Rev. J. H. Heck, Rev. C. A. Hay, D.D., Rev. T. Stork, D.D., Rev. E. W. Hutter, and Mr. Martin Buehler, was appointed to nominate officers for the Society. They reported the following names:

President,
HON. C. KUGLER.

Secretary,
REV. P. RABY.

Board of Publication,

REV. T. STORK, D.D.,
" E. W. HUTTER,
" L. E. ALBERT,
" J. A. SEISS, D.D.,
" W. J. MANN, D.D.,
" M. SHEELEIGH,
" P. WILLARD,
" J. H. HECK,
" J. E. GRAEFF,
" S. S. SCHMUCKER, D.D.,
" A. C. WEDEKIND,
" F. KLINEFELTER,
REV. G. F. STELLING,
" P. RABY,
MR. M. BUEHLER,
HON. C. KUGLER,
MR. F. V. BEISEL,
" G. P. OCKERSHAUSEN,
" J. J. COCHRAN,
" I. SULGER,
" J. L. FREDERICK,
" C. CARMANY,
" C. F. NORTON,
" W. I. MILLER.

The report was received, and the nominations confirmed.

DISPENSED WITH ANNIVERSARY.

On motion, the Anniversary exercises of the Society were dispensed with at the present meeting.

CATALOGUE OF SABBATH-SCHOOL BOOKS.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be advised to prepare a Descriptive Catalogue of Sabbath-school Books, adapted to the use of our schools; and furnish themselves with a supply of books, and advertise them.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution were offered, to be acted on at the next regular meeting of the Society:

Notice is hereby given, that at the next meeting of the Lutheran Publication Society, a resolution will be introduced to amend the Constitution, as follows:

ART. II. "This Society is *pledged* to the Doctrinal Basis of the General Synod, *is under its direction and control*, and shall have for its object the diffusion of religious knowledge by means of translations and original productions, in order to furnish and circulate a suitable literature for the Church.

All delegates to the General Synod shall, for the time being, be, ex-officio, members of this Society. And any other Lutheran minister or layman, connected with churches belonging to the General Synod, may become members of this Society by a vote of the existing members at any stated meeting upon the payment of $1. *The payment of* $20, *or more, in one year, shall constitute the person so paying a Life Director, and the payment of* $10 *a Life Member.*

ART. III. to read:—This Society shall hold its *stated* meetings at the time and place of the meeting of every General Synod, and *the President and Secretary of the General Synod shall be, ex officio, President and Secretary of this Society.* At *each stated meeting*, the Society shall elect a Board of Publication, to hold its meetings in Philadelphia, and to be composed of twenty-four members, all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and two-thirds of whom shall be within such distance from Philadelphia, as to be able to attend the meetings of the Board.

ART. V. The second clause to read:—The Board of *Publication* to have power to enact its own by-laws, to fill vacancies occurring during the *interim of the stated meetings of the Society*, to provide for the publication of books and tracts, and to print and circulate appeals to the Church, in behalf of the benevolent objects of the Society.

ART. VII. The Society may also hold *Anniversary meetings, at such times and places as the Board of Publication may determine, of which meetings at least four weeks' notice shall be given in the Church papers.* At these meet-

ings, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board shall make a detailed report of the operations of the Society, showing its present and future prospects. *But no other business shall be transacted at the Anniversary meeting, except such as relates to the anniversaries themselves, or resolutions and efforts to raise funds, or recommend any measures to the Board, or to the stated meetings of the Society.*

ART. IX. To be inserted at the close of Art. II.

ART. X. The following sentence, to be added at the end of the article:—"*but to have no vote.*"

ART. XI. To be numbered as XIII.

New ART. To read as follows:—The Board of Publication shall hold monthly regular meetings on such day of the month as they may agree on, *Mondays and Saturdays excepted;* and each meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the President whenever deemed necessary by him, *or requested by five members of the Board. Ten days' notice of each special meeting shall be given to each member of the Board by circular, either personally or by mail, stating the object of the meeting, and no other business shall be transacted at these meetings.*

XII. The entire 6th by-law to constitute the twelfth article of the Constitution, unaltered, except in the first sentence, which is to read as follows: —"There shall be three or more Standing Committees *elected* by the Board of *Publication at its first regular meeting in each year,* viz., a Publication Committee of seven," &c., &c., and in the next paragraph—"to which any *two* members of the committee object."

ART. XIII. To consist of the old Art. XI., unaltered.

N. B.—The amendments proposed are indicated by italics.

PUBLISHING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

Resolved, That these Amendments be published with the Minutes of this meeting, and that the Secretary be instructed to give notice of the same in the church papers at least one month before the next annual meeting.

AIDING THE GENERAL AGENT.

Resolved, That the Publication Society respectfully request the brethren connected with the General Synod to give opportunity to the General Agent of this Society to labor among their congregations, and to facilitate his work.

The Society then adjourned, to meet again at the time and place of the General Synod.

Prayer by S. S. Schmucker, D. D.

P. RABY,
Sec'y of Publication Soc.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the Lutheran Historical Society was held at 8 o'clock, P. M., May 18th, 1866. Rev. Dr. Schmucker was in the chair.

The meeting was opened with devotional services.

ADDRESS BY REV. DR. HARKEY.

Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D., who was elected at the last meeting as the speaker, delivered an address upon "The History of the Lutheran Church in Illinois."

Rev. J. G. Butler was chosen Recording Secretary.

COLLECTIONS TO LIBRARY REPORTED.

In the absence of the Curator, the President rendered substantially a Curator's Report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

The following donations have been sent on, or been collected by the subscriber:

1. A Spelling and Reading Book in the Chippeway Language, containing Scripture Histories of the Old and New Testament with an addition of a few Hymns. Presented by Rev. M. Sheeleigh. This work was prepared for the Lutheran Missions of the Missouri Synod among the Indians in Michigan. Pp. 144, Detroit, 1852.

2. Agende. Das ist, kurze und einfältige Erzählung fürnehmsten Kirchengebräuch und Ceremonien, so in der reinen Evangelischen und ungeänderten Augsburgischen Confession zugethanen Kirchen zu Frankfurt am Mayn gehalten werden. Pp. 172, Frankfurt on the Mayne, 1688. Presented by Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, Bethlehem, Pa. This copy was used by Rev. John Schwarbach, in his official ministrations, in Schuylkill (at that time Berks) County, Pa.

3. Also, bound in the same volume, a Prayer-Book: Des in Gott andächt-

igen Priesters Gottgeheiligte Bet-Andachten; nebst einem kurzen Gesangbuch, ausgefertiget von M. Nicolas Haas. 2te Auflage, Leipzig, 1699, pp. 562.

4. Kirchen-Agende der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Vereinigten Gemeinen in Nord-America. Philadelphia, 1786; pp. 58. Presented by the Rev. P. Scheurer, of Hanover, Pa.

5. Photographic Likenesses of Lutheran Ministers: 4to likeness, in gilt frame, of

Rev. Dr. Conrad;
Professor P. Born, Selinsgrove, Pa.;
Rev. A. P. Ludden, Berne, N. Y.;
" Peter Bishop, Spencerville, De Kalb Co., Ind.;
" G. W. Wilson, North Manchester, Ind.;
" W. Waltman, Lisbon, Ind.;
" D. Steck, Dayton, Ohio;
Mr. Martin Buehler, Philadelphia, Pa.

6. Minutes of Franckean Ev. Lutheran Synod, for 1865; from Professor Stoever.

7. Minutes of Ev. Lutheran Synod of Northern Illinois, for 1865.

8. The Assassinated President, by Rev. Dr. Seiss, presented by Mr. T. L. Schrack.

9. An Address before the Philomathean Society of Leechburg, Leechburg, Pa.; by Rev. Daniel Garver, A. M.

10. The Fifth Annual Report of the Presbyterian Historical Society, 1857.

11. Hon. E. A. Newlon's Address on the Serampore Mission.

12. Address of Prof. Geo. R. Bliss, on the Place of Baptists in Protestant Christendom.

13. Rev. Dr. Bailey's Address, before the Baptist Historical Society, 1858.

14. Proceedings of the Eleventh Anniversary of Baptist Historical Society Pa., 1864.

15. Annual Report of the American Baptist Publication Society, 1863.

16. Collection of Commencement Programmes of different Colleges in Pennsylvania.

17. Two Alumni Addresses, by Rev. M. Valentine and Mr. Maund; by Prof. Stoever.

18. Sermon by Dr. B. Kurtz, being his last pulpit effort.

32. Presented by Rev. S. K. Brobst, his English and German Almanacs, for 1866; two Sermons; two Tracts; Liturgische Gesänge; and seven excellent German Sunday School Books; all composed and published by Rev. S. K. Brobst, Editor of the Lutherische Zeitschrift.

33. Manuscript Sermon, on Ephes. 4, 15. By Rev. Dr. J. G. Schmucker.

48. Collection of 15 Synodical Minutes; by S. S. S.

49. Dr. Harwood's Semi-Centennial Discourse on Episcopal Church at New Haven; presented by Isaac Sulger, Esq., Philadelphia.

50. Ledderhose's Life of Melanchthon, translated, and donated, by Rev. Dr. Krotel.

51. Book of "Family Prayers," by C. W. Schaeffer, D. D.; donated by him.

52. Travel in South Eastern Asia, including Hindustan, Malaya, Siam and China; by Rev. Dr. Howard Malcom; and donated by him.

53. Sundry Reports of the Baptist Historical Society; donated by the same.

90. Photographic Likenesses of Lutheran Ministers, published at the Lutheran Publication House, and donated to this Society by a vote of the Board.

128. A valuable collection of 38 Synodical Minutes, many of them old, rare and valuable; collected and presented by Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Editor of "The Lutheran Sunday-School Herald."

129. Sammlung auserlesener Gebeter und Lieder, für Jugend. Salomon Henkel's Druckerei, 1829; also

130. The General Synod's edition of Luther's Smaller Catechism, 1865. Donated by the same.

It will thus be seen that the interests of the Society have not entirely been neglected, although we have been without a Curator since the removal of the former incumbent. To the above donations the writer adds two articles of great rarity, which money could scarcely replace: the original monographs of the illustrious Luther, entitled,

131. An die Radherrn aller stedte deutscheslands: das sie Christliche schulen aufrichten und hallten sollen. Martinus Luther. Wittemberg. M.D.xxiiii. pp. 34, 4to.—And,

132. His work entitled, De Captivitate Babylonica Ecclesiæ, Præludium Martini Lutheri. Uuittembergæ. pp. 88, 4to.

These monographs are three hundred and forty-two years old, and in perfect preservation, though they were, together with others which did not escape so well preserved, trodden under foot by the rebels, three days and three nights, during the sacking of my house, at the battle of Gettysburg.

We had hoped by this time to have presented to the Society some of the literary relics of the venerable Dr. Helmuth, of Philadelphia, who was one of our earlier and most distinguished divines from Halle; but, although we twice visited his grandson, who possesses them, we failed to find him at home. In future we may perhaps be more successful. That venerable father kept a diary, some fragments of which are found in the Hallische Nachrichten; and during his life-time promised that I should have it.

Respectfully submitted,

(in the absence of the Curator,)

S. S. SCHMUCKER,

President.

FORT WAYNE, May, 1866.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The President also read the Treasurer's Report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

Cash on hand, May, 1864, per report at York, Pa.	$36 33
" received from 14 new members, 50 cents each,	7 00
	$43 33

M. JACOBS,
Treasurer.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., May, 1866.

ADDRESS REQUESTED.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be returned to Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D., for his interesting and able address, and that he be requested to furnish an epitome of it for publication in the church periodicals.

CONDITION OF LIBRARY.

Rev. Dr. Hay reported the condition of the Library as highly satisfactory.

IMPROVEMENT OF LIBRARY.

Resolved, That the Curator and Treasurer be authorized to expend any funds in the treasury for the improvement of the Library.

PAMPHLETS TO BE BOUND.

Resolved, That the Curator be authorized to have all the pamphlets in the Library bound.

INSPECTORS OF LIBRARY.

Rev. Drs. Hay, Passavant and Morris were appointed to inspect the Library, and report at the next meeting of the Society.

SPEAKER FOR NEXT MEETING.

Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., was elected to deliver an address at the meeting, and was requested to give a historical view of the Lutheran Church in the State of New York. Rev. G. A. Lintner was chosen as alternate.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected:

President,
REV. PROF. S. S. SCHMUCKER, D. D.

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NEW MEMBERS.

The following persons became members of the Society, by the payment of fifty cents each:

Rev. Messrs. J. L. Guard, P. Willard, C. L. Streamer, E. Breidenbaugh, G. F. Stelling, S. W. Harkey, D. D., I. J. Delo, C. B. Thuemmel, H. G. Bowers, G. A. Nixdorff, G. Fachtmann, and C. Kugler, I. Sulger, and W. F. Wagenseller, Esqs.—Rev. M. Sheeleigh also contributed fifty cents.

The Society adjourned to meet at the next convention of the General Synod.

J. G. BUTLER,
Sec'y of the Hist'l Society.

STANDING COMMITTEES

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD.

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Executive Committee of the Church Extension Society—Mr. Martin Buehler, Mr. Isaac Sulger, Mr. James Monroe, Dr. C. M. Kreitzer, and Mr. Reuben B. Miller.

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Speaker for Historical Society—H. N. Pohlman, D.D.; alternate, G. A. Lintner, D.D.

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THURSDAY, A. M., MAY 7th, 1868.

The clerical and lay delegates, elected by the several District Synods to constitute the twenty-third convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, assembled, in accordance with notice given by the officers of a necessary change of the time from the day to which the Synod last adjourned, on the 7th of May, A. D. 1868, at 9 o'clock, A. M., in Zion Lutheran Church, (Rev. G. F. Stelling, pastor,) in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

SERMON.

The devotional services were introduced under the direction of Rev. Prof. J. A. Brown, D.D., President of the former convention of Synod, who then preached the opening sermon. The text was Isaiah lxv. 8: "Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it." The discourse presented a clear vindication of the character and value of the General Synod.

FORMAL OPENING.

After these services were concluded, the President took the chair and announced that the Synod would now be formally organized. The Secretary, Rev. M. Sheeleigh, proceeded to call the roll of the District Synods, when the several delegates responded, presented their credentials of election, and took their seats.

DECISIONS BY THE CHAIR.

When the name of the New York Ministerium was called, a delegation was reported from the Synod of the State of New York, which body was organized by persons who had withdrawn from the Ministerium, on its separation from the General Synod. The Chair decided that this being a new Synod, the application must lie over until the undisputed delegations shall have been received.

A like decision with the above was announced in regard to the Central Synod of Illinois, upon the calling of the Synod of Illinois; the former having been organized on the dissolution of the latter.

When the name of the Pittsburg Synod occurred, the Chair decided on the validity of the credentials and the reception of the delegates, for the reason that they claimed to represent the original Pittsburg Synod. Objection was made, which being equivalent to an appeal from the decision, the case went over to be acted upon when the roll shall have been called to the end.

On the occurrence of the Franckean Synod's name, a member of the East Pennsylvania Synod rose and objected, for the delegation of his Synod, to the reception of Rev. A. Wieting, on the ground of his having been deposed by their Synod, and afterwards restored, by the other body, under protest.

SYNODS RECEIVED.

When the calling of Synods was concluded, the Synod of the State of New York and the Synod of Central Illinois were received as constituent parts of this body, and it was ordered that they respectively take the positions on the roll formerly occupied by the New York Ministerium and by the Synod of Illinois.

Pending some explanatory remarks concerning the status of the Pittsburg Synod, whose case had been laid over, the Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by A. H. Lochman, D.D.

FIRST DAY.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, P. M., MAY 7th, 2 o'clock.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. G. Diehl, D.D. The minutes of the morning were read and adopted.

PITTSBURG SYNOD ACKNOWLEDGED.

The pending question, relating to the Pittsburg Synod, recurring, further explanations were made, when the vote was taken and the decision of the Chair unanimously sustained, whereupon the delegates were admitted to their seats.

The Synod was composed as appears in the following

LIST OF DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE.

1. SYNOD OF MARYLAND.

REV. G. H. BRANDAU,	MR. WM. WILEN,
" C. A. STORK,	" A. C. MUSSELMAN,
" G. DIEHL, D.D.,	" WM. M. TICE,
" C. MARTIN, M.D.,	" WM. H. WEAVER.

2. SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

REV. PROF. J. A. BROWN, D.D.,	MR. J. V. HOSHOUR,
" A. H. LOCHMAN, D. D.,	" E. G. SMYSER,
" W. M. BAUM, D.D.,	" G. MESSERSMITH,
" J. H. MENGES,	" H. S. RITTER,
" SAM'L HENRY,	" I. LOUCKS.

3. HARTWICK SYNOD (N. Y.).

REV. V. F. BOLTON,	DR. S. L. ENDRESS,
" PROF. W. N. SCHOLL, D.D.,	MR. JACOB STOVER.
" P. A. STROBEL,	

4. SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D.,	Mr. A. F. Ockershausen.
" George Neff,	

5. EAST OHIO SYNOD.

Rev. Prof. S. Sprecher, D.D.,	Hon. G. W. Raff,
" J. W. Goodlin,	Mr. J. Bowman,
" A. Essick,	" G. B. Deardorf,
" W. G. Keil,	" Wm. Roller.

6. ALLEGHENY SYNOD (PENN'A).

Rev. R. A. Fink,	Mr. G. W. Patton,
" P. Sheeder,	Dr. H. H. Roedel,
" J. Winecoff,	Mr. John Lutz,
" J. B. Crist,	" J. B. Hileman,
" B. H. Hunt,	" S. Philson.

7. SYNOD OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D.,	Mr. Martin Buehler,
" Luther E. Albert, D.D.,	" J. J. Cochran,
" J. R. Dimm,	" H. Goodman,
" S. Sentman,	" C. Carmany,
" Prof. M. Valentine, D.D.,	" E. S. German.
" W. V. Gotwald,	

8. MIAMI SYNOD (OHIO).

Rev. Joel Swartz,	Mr. Alex. Gebhart,
" A. J. Imhoff,	" A. Eply,
" J. B. Helwig,	" D. Knoop.
" G. B. Ort,	

9. SYNOD OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D.,	Mr. M. V. Zimmerman,
" Ephraim Miller,	Prof. N. Hodge.

10. WITTENBERG SYNOD (OHIO).

Rev. Prof. H. R. Geiger,	Dr. Wm. Detwiler,
" M. Officer,	Hon. R. W. Musgrave,
" A. R. Howbert,	Mr. S. Culler,
" L. M. Kuhns,	" E. C. Hannum.

11. OLIVE BRANCH SYNOD (INDIANA).

Rev. J. Severinghaus,	Mr. Benjamin Shirk.

12. SYNOD OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

REV. C. W. SANDERS,	MR. BENJAMIN HARTMAN,
" A. A. TRIMPER,	" J. G. FLECK,
" W. A. LIPE,	" C. M. HALLER.

13. PITTSBURG SYNOD (PENN'A).

REV. J. H. W. STUCKENBERG.

14. SYNOD OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

REV. PROF. H. ZIEGLER, D.D.,	MR. W. M. STOVER,
" W. H. DIVEN,	CAPT. D. L. TRESSLER,
" P. SAHM,	DR. S. W. BERG,
" D. KLOSS,	COL. JOHN HAMILTON.

15. SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.

REV. G. W. WILSON,	MR. D. S. KEIL,
" W. WALTMAN,	" D. KOONS.
" H. WELLS,	

16. SYNOD OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

REV. WM. JENKINS,	COL. L. SHOFFNER.
" D. SPRECHER,	

17. SYNOD OF IOWA.

REV. A. M. GEIGER,	MR. P. S. GORTNER.
" J. HELSELL,	

18. MELANCHTHON SYNOD.

REV. R. WEISER,	DR. WM. WHITE,
" A. BUHRMAN,	MR. DAN'L CULLER.

19. SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

REV. M. SHEELEIGH,	MR. MORRIS F. MARTENIS.

20. FRANCKEAN SYNOD.

REV. A. WIETING,	MR. P. S. CROSS.

NOTE.—The Secretary having been instructed in regard to the order in which certain Synods should appear on the roll, he has rectified two errors which crept into the arrangement some years ago. The present order observes the succession of union with the General Synod, excepting in the cases of the Synods of New York and Central Illinois, which were respectively directed to take the places formerly occupied by the Ministerium of New York and the Synod of Illinois. This arrangement, moreover, indicates the chronological order of synodical organization, if we except the New York, Central Illinois, Pittsburg, Iowa, and Franckean Synods.

21. SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD (PENN'A).

REV. J. EVANS,
" E. A. SHARRETTS,
" G. PARSON,
DR. P. R. WAGENSELLER,
MR. JOHN STAVER.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

The Synod next proceeded to ballot for officers, Rev. C. A. Stork and Rev. J. Winecoff acting as tellers. The following individuals were announced as being elected:

REV. HENRY N. POHLMAN, D.D., *President;*
REV. MATTHIAS SHEELEIGH, *Secretary;*
MR. A. F. OCKERSHAUSEN, *Treasurer.*

At the request of the Secretary, the President appointed Rev. L. M. Kuhns to act as Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary read the RULES OF ORDER. No objection being made, they were declared by the President as adopted for the government of the present convention of the Synod.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED.

The roll of Synods was called, when the several delegations handed in the Minutes and other documents from their Synods.

APPLICATION OF SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD.

A delegation from the newly-organized Susquehanna Synod applied for its admission into this body. It was

Resolved, That the application be referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. J. A. Brown, S. Sprecher, and G. Diehl.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD REFERRED.

The reading of the last printed Minutes being, on motion, dispensed with, they were referred to the following committee: Rev. P. A. Strobel, Rev. A. A. Trimper, and Hon. G. W. Raff.

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

Rev. Dr. C. Martin, Rev. M. Officer, and Rev. W. V. Gotwald, together with the pastor, Rev. G. F. Stelling, were appointed a committee on Devotional Exercises.

RESOLUTION TO VISIT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That we proceed as a Synod to visit General Geary,

the Governor of this State, on Saturday afternoon, between 4 and 5 o'clock.

APPOINTMENT FOR EVENING SERVICE.

The committee on Devotional Services reported in part, that Rev. C. A. Stork, of Baltimore, would preach this evening.

HOURS FIXED.

Resolved, That we assemble daily at 8½ o'clock as a Prayer-meeting, that business commence at 9, and adjournment take place at 12.

APPOINTMENT FOR PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Resolved, That the Publication Society hold its meeting on next Monday afternoon.

The Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Rev. W. N. Scholl, D.D., led in prayer.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, A. M., MAY 8th, 9 o'clock.

Half an hour having been spent in the services of a prayer-meeting, the President took the chair and announced that the hour for business had arrived.

After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D.

The roll was called and corrected. The minutes of last session were read and approved.

LIST OF REGULAR COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following committees:

On the State of the Church.—Rev. Prof. M. Valentine, D. D., Rev. C. A. Stork, Rev. A. H. Lochman, D. D., Rev. Prof. W. N. Scholl, D. D., Rev. G. Neff, Rev. P. Sheeder, Rev. J. Swartz, Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Rev. A. R. Howbert, Rev. E. Miller, Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, Rev. C. W. Sanders, Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, Rev. P. Sahm, Rev. W. Waltman, Rev. D. Sprecher, Rev. A. M. Geiger, Rev. R. Weiser, Mr. M. F. Martenis, Mr. P. S. Cross, and Rev. G. Parson.

On Credentials.—Rev. Prof. J. A. Brown, D. D., Rev. Prof. S. Sprecher, D. D., and Rev. G. Diehl, D. D.

On Devotional Services.—Rev. C. Martin, M. D., Rev. M. Officer, Rev. W. V. Gotwald, and Rev. G. F. Stelling.

On Literary and Theological Institutions.—Rev. Prof. H. R. Geiger, Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D., Rev. Prof. W. N. Scholl, D. D., Rev. Prof. H. Ziegler, D. D., Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D., Dr. D. Luther, and Mr. G. Messersmith.

On Correspondence with other Ecclesiastical Bodies.—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., Rev. R. A. Fink, Rev. A. Essick, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, and Rev. H. Wells.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, Rev. A. H. Lochman, D. D., Rev. G. B. Miller, D. D., Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D.

On Treasurer's Report.—Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D., Mr. D. L. Tressler, Mr. M. Buehler, Prof. N. Hodge, and Rev. V. F. Bolton.

On Mileage.—Mr. J. J. Cochran, Mr. A. Gebhart, Dr. H. H. Roedel, Mr. A. F. Ockershausen, and Rev. M. Officer.

On Leave of Absence.—Rev. J. A. Brown, D. D., Rev. H. Ziegler, D. D., and Rev. C. Martin.

On Railroad Fares.—Rev. G. F. Stelling, Rev. G. W. Halderman, and A. F. Ockershausen, Esq.

COMMITTEE ON LUTHERAN ORPHANS' HOME.

The President appointed a committee to report on a letter from Rev. P. Willard, concerning the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Loysville, Perry county, Pennsylvania.

Committee.—Rev. M. Officer, Rev. J. Winecoff, and Mr. W. H. Weaver.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCH IN MINNESOTA.

A committee was named for the purpose of reporting on letters giving an account of the state of the church in Minnesota.

Committee.—Rev. E. Miller, Rev. G. H. Brandau, and Rev. A. Essick.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SOCIETIES.

Resolved, That the Home Missionary Society meet this afternoon, immediately upon the adjournment of the business meeting of the Parent Education Society, and hold its anniversary this evening.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Twenty-second Convention of the General Synod reported:

REPORT ON MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last Convention of the General Synod, have performed the duty assigned them, and report as follows:

On page 24, a committee is named to prepare and publish a Provisional Liturgy. A report will be expected from this committee.

The Synod will be called to elect two Trustees of the Pastors' Fund, in the places of Drs. Krotel and Hutter, whose term expires at this session.

A committee, consisting of Drs. Harkey, Greenwald, Schmucker, Sprecher, and Brown, was appointed to prepare a revised and amended Constitution to be submitted at this convention.

A committee was appointed to prepare a development of Luther's Smaller Catechism, at the request of the New Jersey Synod. Committee: Drs. Conrad and Hay, and Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

A committee was appointed to revise the Hymn Book, and report at this meeting. Committee: Mr. G. W. Raff, Rev. C. A. Stork, Rev. A. J. Weddell, and Drs. M. Valentine and S. S. Schmucker.

A committee was appointed to open a correspondence with the Southern Synods, formerly in connection with this body, with a view to the restoration of the fraternal and ecclesiastical relations that once existed amongst us. Committee: Dr. Sternberg, Rev. Butler, Dr. Conrad, Dr. Harrison, and Rev. Officer. (Page 43.)

Reports will be expected from delegates to other ecclesiastical bodies. (Page 32.)

Your Committee conclude their Report by expressing their gratification at the care and correctness with which the Secretary prepared the Minutes of the last convention of this body, and especially with the very copious Index appended to the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. STROBEL,
A. A. TRIMPER,
GEO. W. RAFF.

The Report was accepted and laid on the table for future reference.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of the Susquehanna Synod reported as follows:

REPORT ON RECEPTION OF SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD.

The Committee to report on the application of the Susquehanna Synod for admission into this body, submit the following:

The delegates were unable to place in our hands "the Constitution and Minutes" of their Synod, as required, in consequence of their not being published. They, however, presented verbal statements, and a report as printed in the church papers. The Committee regret to be compelled to report that there seems to be a want of entire conformity with the Constitution of the General Synod, as heretofore understood, and that the doctrinal basis adopted is in language different from that of this body. But as the delegates assure the Committee that the Synod cordially approve of the doctrinal basis of the General Synod, and did not intend to establish another, and as the lack in presenting a copy of the Constitution and Minutes seems unavoidable under the circumstances, and as the brethren of that Synod are well-known to this body, we recommend that the Susquehanna Synod be received, on the condition that at its next meeting it adopt definitely the doctrinal basis or Constitution of the General Synod.

J. A. BROWN,
S. SPRECHER,
GEO. DIEHL.

The Report was adopted.

SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD'S DELEGATES ENROLLED.

The credentials of the delegation from the Susquehanna Synod were then presented, and the names placed on the roll of members.

VISITORS INVITED TO SEATS.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That all Lutheran ministers present, who are not members of this body, and other ministers of Evangelical churches, be invited to seats in this house, as visitors, and their names be entered on the Minutes.

LIST OF CLERICAL VISITORS.

LUTHERAN.

REV. PROF. S. S. SCHMUCKER, D.D.,	REV. A. C. EHRENFELD,
" " C. A. HAY, D.D.,	REV. C. L. EHRENFELD,
" G. F. STELLING,	" M. W. HAMMA,
" G. W. HALDERMAN,	" E. S. JOHNSTON,
" J. B. BALTZLY,	" C. LEPLEY,
" M. J. ALLEMAN,	" W. RUTHRAUFF,
" P. BERGSTRESSER,	" D. SUMMERS,
" PROF. J. F. WILKEN,	" T. STORK, D.D.,

Rev. J. G. Butler,
" Prof. V. L. Conrad,
" H. C. Shindle,
" U. Graves,
" P. Raby,
" J. F. Shearer,
" J. A. Earnest,
" G. F. Ehrenfeld,
" W. L. Heisler,
" D. M. Blackwelder,
" J. H. Barclay,
" M. Rhodes,
" Prof. P. Born,
" A. McLaughlin,
" E. Breidenbaugh,
" W. W. Gulick,
" C. Reimensnyder,
" S. Yingling,
" E. S. Henry,
" S. K. Brobst,
" G. Sill,
" Prof. S. Domer,
" W. H. Steck,
" J. H. Honeycut,
" J. B. Anthony,
" T. C. Pritchard,
" A. S. Miller,
" J. Kistler,
" J. M. Steck,
" J. F. Deiterich,
" J. R. Williams,
" A. M. Strauss,
" J. G. Morris, D.D.
" A. W. Lilly,
" E. J. Wolf,
" C. W. Schaeffer, D.D.,
" J. G. Martz,
" J. Q. McAtee,

Rev. H. Baker,
" S. A. Holman,
" E. W. Hutter, D.D.,
" S. B. Barnitz,
" H. Louis Baugher,
" T. T. Titus,
" P. Anstaedt,
" G. W. Hemperly,
" J. K. Miller,
" N. M. Price,
" J. Selmser,
" D. J. Hauer, D.D.,
" M. L. Shindel,
" A. Yeiser,
" G. M. Boyer,
" H. G. Bowers,
" A. C. Wedekind, D.D.,
" J. G. Goettman,
" J. S. Heilig,
" G. F. Schaeffer,
" J. R. Groff,
" C. A. Gelwicks,
" H. W. McKnight,
" J. C. Kohler,
" H. R. Fleck,
" P. Rizer,
" F. T. Hoover,
" J. B. Keller,
" E. Greenwald, D.D.
" D. Harbaugh,
" J. Fry,
" P. Willard,
" S. P. Sprecher,
" J. M. Rice,
" J. W. Swick,
" I. Magee,
" H. B. Winton,
" D. P. Rosenmiller,

Rev. C. F. Stoever,
" Prof. M. Jacobs, D.D.,
" A. L. Guss,
" G. M. Rhodes,
" F. A. Barnitz,
" O. F. Waage,
" S. A. Ort,
" F. Klinefelter,
" J. H. Heck,
" M. W. Fair,
" Prof. C. J. Ehrehart,
" H. E. Jacobs,
" A. W. Lentz,
" T. C. Billheimer,
" G. A. Exline,
" F. P. Hennighausen,
" S. McHenry,
" S. P. Snyder,
Rev. C. A. Feizer,
" H. C. Grossman,
" P. Warner,
" L. Groh,
" N. J. Stroh,
" P. Sahm,
" G. P. Weaver,
" J. M. Ditzler,
" A. D. Croll,
" W. H. Steck,
" M. L. Culler.

Also,

Prof. M. L. Stoever, Ph. D.,
Hon. C. Kugler,
I. Sulger, Esq.,
Mr. T. N. Kurtz,
" G. P. Ockershausen.

OF OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, German Reformed.
" W. A. Gring, "
" T. H. Robinson, Presbyterian.
" A. D. Moore, "
" A. D. Mitchell, "
" C. L. Thompson, D.D., Methodist.
" G. G. Rakestraw, "
" T. M. Griffith. "

REPORT ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

The committee on the revision of the Constitution of the General Synod reported the result of their labors through the Rev. Dr. Harkey.

THE REPORT RE-COMMITTED AND TO BE PRINTED.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the draft of the amended Constitution just read be re-committed to the committee who have prepared it.

Resolved, That after such alterations as the committee may yet desire to make, the committee have 500 copies of the pro-

posed Constitution printed for examination by this body, and that the subject be made the special order for next Tuesday morning, immediately after the reading of the minutes.

COMMITTEE ON GERMAN PAPER.

In pursuance of a motion,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report a plan for publishing a German Paper on the basis of the General Synod.

Committee.—Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D., and Rev. G. H. Brandau.

COMMITTEE ON GERMAN HYMN BOOK.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to prepare a German Hymn Book for our churches.

Committee.—Rev. A. H. Lochman, D.D., Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, Rev. J. Winecoff, Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, and Rev. G. H. Brandau.

Rev. C. A. Stork read the Report of standing committee on the Revision of our Church Hymn Book.

REPORT ON REVISION OF HYMN BOOK.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the General Synod at Fort Wayne, to revise the Hymn Book, respectfully submit the following report:

After some correspondence among the various members of the committee, and much individual labor in the revision of the Hymn Book as it stands, and in the selection of new matter, the first meeting in committee was held February 5th, 1868, in Baltimore, the following members of the committee being present: Drs. Schmucker and Valentine, and Rev. C. A. Stork. At this meeting, and a subsequent one held at Gettysburg, March 11th, the Hymn Book was carefully revised; and from the 1024 hymns in the old book the committee have already omitted 530. Alteration, correction and abridgment were also made in many cases.

At the third meeting, in Gettysburg, April 14th, where all the members of the committee, save Rev. A. J. Weddell, were present, a new Basis of Arrangement, as given below, was adopted, and some progress made in the selection of additional hymns.

The Basis of Arrangement is as follows:

Basis of Arrangement of Hymns.

I. PUBLIC WORSHIP.

1. Praise and Adoration.
2. The Lord's Day.
3. Delight in Worship.

II. God.
- 1. Being of God.
- 2. Attributes of God.
- 3. Trinity of God.
- 4. His Fatherhood.

III. Creation and Providence.
- 1. Works.
- 2. Providence.

IV. The Fall and Sin of Man.

V. Grace and Redemption.
- 1. Its Source, God's Love.
- 2. Christ.
  - *a.* His Person and Character.
  - *b.* His Mission.
  - *c.* His Teaching.
  - *d.* His Example.
  - *e.* His Miracles.
  - *f.* His Sufferings and Death.
  - *g.* His Work of Atonement.
  - *h.* His Intercession.
  - *i.* Praise to Christ.
- 3. Holy Spirit.
  - *a.* His Effusion and Mission.
  - *b.* His Work.

VI. The Church.
- 1. Her Foundation.
- 2. Her Privileges and Glory.
- 3. Her Ministry.
  - *a.* Ordination and Installation.
  - *b.* A Blessed Calling.
  - *c.* Prayer for.
  - *d.* Synodical and other Meetings.
- 4. Love for the Church.
- 5. Her Unity and Peace.
- 6. Revivals.
- 7. Confirmation, or Admission to Sacramental Communion.
- 8. Missions and Spread of the Gospel.
- 9. Final Triumph.
- 10. Church Festivals.
  - *a.* Christians.
  - *b.* Good Friday.
  - *c.* Easter.
  - *d.* Ascension.
  - *e.* Pentecost.

VII. The Means of Grace.
- 1. The Word of God.
- 2. Baptism.
- 3. The Lord's Supper.

VIII. ORDER OF SALVATION.
1. Gospel Call.
2. Repentance.
3. Faith.
4. Justification.
5. Sanctification.

IX. CHRISTIAN LIFE AND EXPERIENCE.
1. Prayer.
2. Graces of the Spirit.
a. Love.
b. Peace and Joy.
c. Humility.
d. Meekness.
e. Hope.
f. Patience and Resignation.
3. Holiness.
4. Trust or Faith.
5. Fellowship with God and Christ.
6. Self-Consecration.
7. Mourning over Sin.
8. Imitation of Christ.
9. Christian Activity.
10. Communion of Saints.
11. Blessedness of the Righteous.
12. Watchfulness and Self-Examination.
13. Temptation and Trials.
14. Spiritual Declension.
15. Affliction.
16. Anticipation of Death.
17. Peace or Triumph in Death.

X. SPECIAL OCCASIONS.
1. Corner-stone Laying.
2. Dedication of Churches.
3. Marriage.
4. Temperance.
5. Hymns for the Young.
6. Parents and Children.
7. Family Worship.
a. Morning Hymns.
b. Evening Hymns.
8. Private Devotion.
9. National Occasions.
10. New Year.
11. The Seasons.
12. Harvest.

XI. DEATH AND BURIAL.

XII. RESURRECTION.

XIII. JUDGMENT.

XIV. Eternity.

XV. Closing Hymns of Worship and Doxologies.

The hymns cast out are mostly of a didactic character, being either unfit for the purposes of a hymnal from lyrical deficiencies, or else that might be superseded by matter of much superior merit and better adapted to aid the Service of Song in the House of the Lord. If authorized to carry their work on to completion, the committee propose to increase largely the proportion of *hymns of direct praise and worship, hymns* relating to the various experiences and activities *of the Christian life*, and *hymns contemplating Christ* in his various offices and relations to the believer.

It is proposed to make our Hymn Book more thoroughly a manual of worship and praise for the Christian, and less a sermon to the sinner. Believing that prayer and praise are to be directed by their very nature to God, and preaching to the impenitent and believing hearer, the committee hope that the Hymn Book, as it issues from their revision, may prove pre-eminently a Book of Praise to God, and address the congregation only indirectly.

The addition will probably amount to two hundred or two hundred and fifty, making a total, with the old hymns, of seven hundred and fifty; but as many of the long hymns have been cut down, the whole bulk of the book will be less than that of the old volume by much more than would be indicated by the mere number of hymns.

The work of the committee, both as regards the revision of the old book and the selection of new material, is still incomplete. It is a work that requires time, labor and deliberation. Your committee can, therefore, only report progress as above, and pray either that they be continued, or another committee appointed in their stead, to carry on and complete the work.

Your committee would also submit the following recommendations:

1. That, in case they be continued, another member be appointed to fill the place of Rev. A. J. Weddell, who has taken charge of a church in the Pennsylvania Synod, and is thus practically removed from the General Synod.

2. That the work of the committee, when completed, shall be referred to a committee consisting of the President and Secretary of the Synod and three additional persons to be chosen by the Synod, whose approval shall be necessary to authorize the publication of the book by the standing Hymn Book (Publishing) Committee, under the supervision of the Revising Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. SCHMUCKER,
C. A. STORK,
M. VALENTINE,
G. W. RAFF.

HYMN BOOK REVISING COMMITTEE CONTINUED.

Resolved, That the Committee be continued.

The *first recommendation* of the committee, to supply the vacancy in their number, was concurred in.

Tellers were then appointed to conduct the election for another member.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. The adjournment was announced as extending until to-morrow morning, in consequence of the Parent Education and Home Missionary Societies meeting this afternoon.

The closing prayer was made by Rev. C. Martin.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, A. M., May 9th, 9 o'clock.

The prayer-meeting being closed, the Synod was formally opened for business, by singing part of the 907th hymn, and uniting in prayer with Rev. R. A. Fink.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and pronounced adopted.

The following document was presented by the delegates of the Synod of East Pennsylvania:

PAPER FROM THE DELEGATES OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

WHEREAS, The Franckean Synod, in connection with this body, has reviewed and reversed an act of discipline of the Synod of East Pennsylvania, also in connection with this body, in restoring Mr. A. Wieting to the ministry from which he had been deposed, and has sent him as a delegate to this Convention; and,

Whereas, Such acts are suited to occasion "unpleasant and unfriendly collisions" which, according to section 4th, Article III., of its Constitution, it is the office of the General Synod to seek to "prevent," the delegates from the Synod of East Pennsylvania desire to call the attention of this body to this matter and request it, according to Article III., section 5th, paragraph 1st, to give its "advice or opinion."

F. W. CONRAD,
W. VALENTINE,
MARTIN BUEHLER,
JOHN J. COCHRAN,
C. CARMANY,
HENRY GOODMAN,
W. V. GOTWALD,
LUTHER E. ALBERT,
J. R. DIMM,
E. S. GERMAN,
S. SENTMAN.

Resolved, That this document be referred to a committee of five, of which Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown shall be chairman.

Committee.—Rev. J. A. Brown, D. D., Rev. G. Neff, Rev. P. Sahm, Rev. G. Diehl, D. D., and Mr. M. F. Martenis.

A MEMBER OF HYMN BOOK REVISING COMMITTEE ELECTED.

The business pending from yesterday was resumed, when it was

Resolved, That Rev. M. Officer, having the highest number of votes, be declared elected as a member of the Committee to revise the Hymn Book.

The *second recommendation* of the Hymn Book Revising Committee's Report was taken up and adopted.

HYMN BOOK REFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The Synod next went into an election for the three persons named in the recommendation just adopted, to constitute a part of the Committee to whom the completed work of the Hymn Book Revising Committee shall be referred. Various nominations were made, and Messrs. J. J. Cochran and A. Gebhart appointed tellers. The following persons were elected, to constitute a committee in conjunction with the President and the Secretary of the Synod: Rev. J. Swartz, Rev. T. T. Titus, and Rev. Dr. T. Stork.

Rev. Dr. Martin, on behalf of the Committee on Religious Services, reported as follows:

REPORT ON DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises would beg leave to make the following report:

1. *First Lutheran Church, Fourth Street.*

Preparatory Services, Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock—
Sermon: Rev. H. Ziegler, D.D.,
Liturgical Service: Rev. A. H. Lochman, D.D.
Sabbath morning: Rev. S. Sprecher, D.D.
" afternoon: Communion Services, conducted by the President.
" evening: Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg.

2. *Second Lutheran Church, Forster Avenue.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. A. J. Imhoff.
" evening: Rev. J. Swartz.

3. *New School Presbyterian Church, Market Square.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. J. Swartz.
" evening: Rev. T. T. Titus.

4. *Old School Presbyterian Church, Third and Pine Streets.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. Geo. Diehl, D.D.
" evening: Rev. W. V. Gotwald.

5. *Presbyterian Church, Paxton.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. J. R. Dimm.

6. *Methodist Episcopal Church, Locust Street.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D.
" evening: Rev. V. F. Bolton.

7. *Methodist Episcopal Church, Vine Street.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. W. M. Baum, D.D.
" evening: Rev. L. M. Kuhns.

8. *First German Reformed Church, Chestnut Street.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D.
" evening: Rev. E. Miller.

9. *Second German Reformed Church, Reily and Ridge Streets.*

Sabbath morning, 9 o'clock: Rev. J. D. Severinghaus.
" " 10½ o'clock: Rev. A. A. Trimper.

10. *Bethel Church, Fourth Street.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. H. Wells.
" evening: Rev. J. B. Crist.

11. *Free Will Baptist, State and Fourth Streets.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. S. Domer.
" evening: Rev. D. Harbaugh.

12. *Lochiel Mission.*

Sabbath evening: Rev. D. Kloss.

13. *City Prison.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. A. Buhrman.

14. *Second Presbyterian Church, (Colored,) Elder Street.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. P. Willard.
" evening: Rev. D. Sprecher.

15. *Baptist Church, Second and Pine Streets.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. G. Parson.
" evening: Rev. A. C. Ehrenfeld.

16. *Wesleyan Church, (Colored,) Elder Street.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. W. Jenkins.
" evening: Rev. H. G. Bowers.

17. *Calvary Baptist Church, (Colored,) Colder and William Streets.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. G. B. Ort.
" evening: Rev. C. W. Sanders.

Respectfully submitted,
C. MARTIN,
M. OFFICER,
W. V. GOTWALD,
G. F. STELLING.

The report was adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the business meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society be held on Tuesday afternoon, and the anniversary in the evening of the same day.

COMMITTEE ON JUBILEE SERVICES.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to report on the Jubilee Year of the Reformation.

Committee.—Rev. Prof. H. R. Geiger, Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, and Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D.

The Treasurer next read his biennial report of the receipts and expenditures of the Synod.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1866.				*Dr.*
May	19,	Balance as per report		$856 38
"	"	Cash Acadia Congregation, Ohio		6 25
"	"	" Emmittsburg, Md		5 00
"	"	" Sunbury, Pa		5 00
"	"	" Wooster Church, Ohio		15 00
"	"	" Vandalia Charge, Ohio		11 00
"	"	" Mount Pisgah, Indianapolis, Ohio		22 16
"	"	" Jeffersontown, Ky		6 00
"	"	" Ebenezer Church, Indiana		15 00
"	"	" New Columbus, Indiana		6 00
"	"	" Omaha, Nebraska		10 00
"	"	" Rev. W. Hunt's charge		5 00
"	"	" Ashland Congregation, Pa		10 25
"	23	" Second Ev. Lutheran Church, York, Pa		20 00

May 13,	Cash	Newry Charge, Pa	$10 00
" "	"	Mineral Charge, Ohio	10 00
" "	"	Wapakoneta Congregation, Ohio	10 00
" "	"	Hollidaysburg, Pa	20 00
" "	"	Zion Church, Mahony City, Ohio	3 00
" "	"	Minnesota Synod, in Five Congregations	16 40
June 12,	"	Elvira, Iowa	5 35
" 22,	"	N. Van Alstine, mileage returned	5 30
July 5,	"	G. A. Nixdorf, mileage returned	21 00
" 14,	"	H. G. Bowers, mileage returned	4 60
" 17,	"	Board of Publication, Premiums to January, 1866	1,276 84
" 20,	"	W. T. Strobel, Fort Madison, Iowa	3 50
Aug. 13,	"	Rev. Dr. Lochman, York, Pa	30 00
" "	"	J. H. Heck, Lower Merion	7 00
Nov. 10,	"	G. W. Schmucker, Red Hook, N. Y	8 80
1867.			
Apr. 13,	"	A. Helwig, Reedsburg, Ohio	6 00
" 15,	"	J. R. Sikes, Ashland, Pa	7 00
" 18,	"	Cicero and Mount Pleasant, Indiana	5 60
" "	"	West Sand Lake, N. Y	3 50
" 7,	"	Church, Bearytown, N. Y	7 00
Apr. 11,	"	A. A. Trimper, Dixon, Ill	10 00
" 25,	"	Christ Church, Gettysburg, Pa	19 17
" "	"	Congregation, Allegheny City	10 00
Aug. 17,	"	Lutheran Publication Soc'y, Premiums	1,000 00
Sep. 20,	"	J. M. Lingle	2 50
Nov. 26,	"	Lutheran Publication Soc'y, Premiums	110 00
1868.			
Apr. 1,	"	Argusville Charge, N. Y	12 90
" 14,	"	Gilead Congregation, Brunswick, N. Y	12 00
" 15,	"	T. Newton Kurtz, Premiums on Hymn Book and Carmina Ecclesiæ	247 43
" 18,	"	St. Paul's, Johnstown, N. Y	7 00
" "	"	Berne, N. Y	7 60
" 23,	"	Franckean Synod	30 00
" 24,	"	Smicksburg Pastorate, Pa	5 00
" "	"	Zion Church, West Sand Lake, N. Y	5 00
May 2,	"	Lutheran Publication Society, Premiums on Hymn Book to December 1, 1867	1,072 66
" "	"	A. C. Ehrenfeld, Indiana, Pa	7 10
" 7,	"	Hagerstown, Md	25 00
" "	"	Manchester, Md	7 00
" "	"	St. John's, Lancaster, Pa	15 00
" "	"	Lionville Charge, Pa	14 12
" "	"	Stoystown, Pa	10 00
" "	"	Berlin Charge, Pa	10 00
" "	"	St. Matthew's, Reading, Pa	13 33

May	7,	Cash	Schaghticoke, N. Y.	$21 00	
"	"	"	Canton, Ohio	15 50	
"	"	"	St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md.	15 00	
"	"	"	English Church, Dayton, Ohio	20 00	
"	"	"	St. John's, Baltimore	12 00	
"	"	"	Waynesboro' Charge, Pa	7 00	
"	"	"	Columbia City Charge, Ind	12 00	
"	"	"	Martinsburg Charge	7 00	
"	"	"	Springfield, Ohio	18 00	
"	"	"	Gardnersville and Loysville	10 00	
"	"	"	St. Paul's, Washington, D. C.	20 00	
"	"	"	Turbutsville, Pa.	7 00	
"	"	"	German Valley, N. J.	9 33	
"	"	"	Stewartsville, N. J.	2 00	
"	8,	"	Altoona, Pa.	15 00	
"	"	"	Zion, Lebanon, Pa.	12 00	
"	"	"	Taneytown, Md.	20 12	
"	"	"	St. Peter's, Barren Hill, Pa.	15 00	
"	"	"	1st English Lutheran, Carlisle, Pa.	40 00	
"	"	"	Jefferson Charge, Md.	14 08	
"	"	"	Myersville Charge	6 00	
"	"	"	Lewisburg, Pa.	5 00	
"	"	"	Zion, York, Pa.	20 00	
"	"	"	St. Paul's, Dixon, Illinois	18 00	
"	"	"	Bellefontaine Charge, Ohio	10 00	
"	"	"	Dongola Charge, Ill.	5 00	
"	"	"	St. James', New York City	25 00	
"	9,	"	2d English Lutheran Church, Baltimore	10 00	
"	"	"	Zion Church, Harrisburg	30 00	
"	"	"	New Castle, Indiana	7 50	
"	"	"	New Berlin Charge, Pa.	4 00	
"	"	"	West Liberty, Ohio	5 00	
"	"	"	Fairview, Iowa	3 00	
"	"	"	Oxford, Iowa	3 18	
"	"	"	Marklesburg, Pa.	5 00	
					$5,572 70

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May 24.	Cash paid Mileage Committee	$3,180 55			
" 19,	"	"	"	34 80	
" "	"	"	"	70 40	
Oct. 17,	"	"	M. Sheeleigh, Printing Minutes, Postage, &c.	448 55	
" "	"	"	Interest, Postage, &c.	150 00	
" "	"	"	Protocol, $6.00; Stationery, $1.60	7 60	
			Balance on hand	1,680 80	
					$5,572 70

A. F. OCKERSHAUSEN,
Treasurer.

May 9th, 1868.

The Report was referred to the regular Committee on Treasurer's Report.

HYMN BOOK PUBLISHING COMMITTEE REPORTED.

The Report of the Hymn Book Committee was presented by Hon. C. Kugler. It was referred to a Committee consisting of Judge G. W. Raff, Mr. S. Philson, and Dr. W. Detwiler.

REPORT ON PLAN FOR GERMAN CHURCH PAPER.

Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg reported for the Committee on a Plan for Publishing a German Church Paper. The Report was taken up and considered item by item. Pending the discussion, the hour for adjournment arrived.

In order to give place to the Preparatory Service and calling on the Governor of the State this afternoon, and to the Anniversary of the Parent Education Society this evening, the Synod adjourned until Monday morning.

Rev. J. Swartz led in prayer.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, A. M., MAY 11th, 1868, 9 o'clock.

The President being absent, Dr. G. Diehl was called to act as chairman, *pro tem.*

After uniting in singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. H. G Bowers.

The roll was called, and further corrections were made.

The minutes were next read and pronounced adopted.

The President arrived and took his seat.

REPORT ON PLAN FOR GERMAN PAPER RESUMED.

The business pending from last session was resumed; namely, the report of the committee on establishing a German Church Paper.

The report, after full discussion, and some necessary changes, which were accepted by the committee, was adopted as follows:

REPORT.

Your committee, appointed to report a plan for publishing a German paper, on the basis of the General Synod, submit the following:

1. That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to appoint an editor, or editors, select a place for publication, secure subscribers, and have a general supervision of the publication of the paper; and,

2. That the Lutheran Observer Association be requested to co-operate with the committee in the publication of the paper.

Committee.—Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, Rev. G. H. Brandau, Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D.D., Rev. F. P. Hennighausen. and Mr. C. Yeager.

REPORT ON PAPER OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S DELEGATES.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown reported for the Committee to whom was referred the paper of the delegates from the East Pennsylvania Synod. After a free discussion, the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the paper presented by the delegation of the Synod of East Pennsylvania, touching the action of the Franckean Synod, in reviewing and reversing the action of the former body, by restoring Mr. A. Weiting to the ministry, after he had been deposed by the Synod of East Pennsylvania, and upon which the "advice or opinion" of this body is solicited, after due consideration, submit the following:

The committee did not feel called upon to enter into any investigation of the case beyond the simple point of one Synod in connection with the General Synod reviewing the acts of another. Neither Rev. A. Wieting, nor the Franckean Synod is on trial, as no charges are preferred, nor do we understand the delegation of East Pennsylvania as wishing to prosecute the case. The General Synod has no Jurisdiction over the ministerial character of those sent here by District Synods and the right of Rev. A. Wieting to a seat as a delegate cannot be questioned.

The General Synod, however, has the right, and the duty is devolved upon it, by the Constitution, to give its opinion and to "advise such rules and regulations among Synods as may prevent unpleasant and unfriendly collisions." As such conduct is utterly subversive of good order and brotherly love, and must lead to serious difficulties between Synods, and disturb the peace and welfare of the Church, the committee recommend the adoption of the following standing resolution of the General Synod:

Resolved, That Christian courtesy between brethren and Synods, as well as ecclesiastical order and the peace and harmony of the Church, requires that the District Synods in the General Synod duly recognize each other's official acts.

J. A. BROWN,
GEO. DIEHL,
GEO. NEFF,
P. SAHM,
M. F. MARTENIS.

JUBILEE OFFERING OF R. B.

The President read to the Synod the following letter which had been placed in his hands:

HARRISBURG, MAY 9th.

To the General Synod:

Enclosed you will find $200.00, as a Jubilee Offering, from a member of St. Mark's Church, Hanover, Pa.,—$25.00 for the Memorial Church, Washington, D.C.; half that is left, for Foreign Missions; and the rest to be distributed wherever it is most needed. R. B.

Thereupon the annexed preamble and resolutions were offered, and unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, The sum of two hundred dollars has been placed in the hands of this body as a Jubilee Offering from a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Hanover, Pa., with instructions that twenty-five dollars be appropriated to the Memorial Church of Washington, D. C., and one half of the remainder to the cause of Foreign Missions, leaving the balance of eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents at our disposal; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Synod are due, and are hereby presented, to the unknown donor (R. B.) for the liberal contribution thus made to the Jubilee fund.

Resolved, That this generous gift, and the delicate manner in which it was presented to the Church, claims the notice of our active membership and should provoke many to "go and do likewise."

Resolved, That the unappropriated balance be and the same is hereby placed in the treasury of the Home Missionary Society of this Synod.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions on the subject of Temperance were proposed, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It is the bounden duty of the Church of Christ to record its decided testimony against every evil, and to give its sanction and support to every moral reform which has the authority of God's Word to sustain it: and,

Whereas, Of all the moral evils which now curse the Church and our country, intemperance is the most wide-spread and the most destructive of everything which pertains to the present welfare and the future happiness of our race;

Resolved, That this General Synod feels called upon to express its warmest sympathy with the efforts which the friends of Temperance throughout our country are making at this time to cultivate a correct public sentiment in reference to the evils of intemperance.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Church to give its support in all judicious ways to all those laws which look to the curtailment of the traffic in intoxicating drinks.

Resolved, That this Synod feels called upon to bear its decided testimony against the license, which many of our legislative bodies seem disposed to give, to the sale of liquor on the Sabbath, thus opening the door for the increase of crime, and begetting such a disregard of the Divine law as must lead to the demoralization of the people, and the spread of a spirit of licentiousness which must ultimately result in the overthrow of our institutions.

The select committee to whom was entrusted the report of the Hymn Book Committee made the following report:

REPORT ON HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the report of Hymn Book Publishing Committee, respectfully state that upon examination of said report they find the same correct. The undersigned advise the adoption of the recommendation contained in the report that the arrangement entered into between the Committee and Board of Publication for the publishing of certain editions of the Hymn Book to be continued for two years longer, as such arrangement will conduce to the pecuniary interests of the General Synod without interfering with the proper publication of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. RAFF,
S. PHILSON,
WM. M. DETWILER.

Laid on the table for future reference.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

The following was offered and adopted in relation to a National Temperance Convention:

WHEREAS, A call has been issued, signed by leading Temperance men, for a National Convention of the friends of Temperance to meet at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 29th of July next; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod appoint through its President three delegates, with alternates, to attend the said Convention.

Committee.—Rev. J. Swartz, Rev. S. Sprecher, D.D., Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D., *Primarii;* Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D., Rev. A. Buhrman, *Secundi.*

COMMITTEE ON DEATH OF DRS. KRAUTH, BAUGHER AND HARRISON.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a suitable memorial on the death of Drs. Krauth, Baugher and Harrison.

The President appointed as the

Committee.—Rev. G. Diehl, D.D., Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D., and Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D.

COMMITTEE ON THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

A resolution, calling for a committee to report on the Sunday-school work, was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Sunday-School is confessedly, in these latter days, both a glory and a power in the Church of Christ, and has become so related to the church that we feel as though it was now a necessity to her proper development; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report on this subject to the present meeting of the General Synod.

Committee.—Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D., and H. H. Roedel, M. D.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING OF GENERAL SYNOD.

It was now determined to enter into an election to fix the place for the next meeting of the General Synod.

Invitations were extended from Frederick, Md., and Cincinnati, O.

Judge R. W. Musgrave and Mr. C. Carmany were requested to act as tellers.

On counting the votes it was announced that Cincinnati was chosen.

TREASURER AUTHORIZED TO BORROW MONEY.

Mr. J. J. Cochran, of the Mileage Committee, stated that the claims for mileage amounted to $2,000, that the Treasurer had in hand $1,700, and that there would therefore yet be needed about $300; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the balance needed.

The morning hour having expired, the Synod adjourned over the afternoon until to-morrow morning, to give place to the Publication Society.

Prayer by the Rev. J. W. Goodlin.

FIFTH DAY.

TUESDAY, A. M., 9 o'clock, May 12th.

The Synod was called to order by the President.

The 50th hymn being sung, Rev. A. A. Trimper offered prayer.

After the usual calling of the roll, the minutes were read and adopted.

TIME OF NEXT MEETING OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The business of fixing the time for the next convention of the Synod, postponed from yesterday, was taken up.

The election determined on the second Thursday of May, (13th,) 1869, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE GENERAL SYNOD'S TREASURY.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the expenses of the next meeting of the General Synod be raised by special collections in all the churches of the General Synod, and that the Secretary be requested to give notice of the time, according to the standing resolution of the Synod.

DELEGATES FROM PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY (N. S.)

The regular order of this morning was called up, but was, on motion, temporarily suspended to afford the delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.), Rev. H. E. Niles, an opportunity of addressing the Synod. The President received the credentials, introduced Mr. Niles to the Synod, and welcomed him to a seat, stating that as a delegate from a corresponding body he was permitted to participate in the deliberations, exclusive of voting and originating or seconding propositions.

The delegate then proceeded to address the Synod. The address was characterized by assurances of deep Christian sympathy, both from himself and the body he represented, and a hearty Christian purpose to co-operate with us in every noble effort for the glory of God and the salvation of men.

The President responded in a fraternal address of like happy spirit and expression.

REVISED CONSTITUTION FOR GENERAL SYNOD CONSIDERED.

The special order of business was then taken up, viz.: the consideration and adoption of the amendments to the Constitution for the Synod proposed by the committee of revision. The document was taken up by items.

PREAMBLE OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON CONSTITUTION.

The following Preamble, which prefaced the revised Constitution reported by the Committee and signed by them, was adopted:

WHEREAS, A revision of the Constitution of the General Synod was deemed necessary, and, at the Synod in Fort Wayne in 1866, the undersigned were appointed a committee to make such revision, we therefore do now respectfully present the following as the result of our labors.

S. W. HARKEY,
S. S. SCHMUCKER,
S. SPRECHER,
J. A. BROWN.

Several sections of the Constitution were discussed and adopted, when the hour of 12 o'clock arrived.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, to make room for the Foreign Missionary Society and the Publication Society this afternoon.

Prayer by Rev. V. F. Bolton.

SIXTH DAY.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, A. M., May 13th, 9 o'clock.

The President called the Synod to order.

After the singing of a hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. A. Essick.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Committee on Correspondence with other Ecclesiastical Bodies not being ready to report, the election of corresponding delegates was deferred.

HYMN BOOK (PUBLISHING) COMMITTEE ELECTED.

Nominations were made for Hymn Book Committee, to consist of five laymen. Mr. E. C. Hannum and Dr. S. L. Endress were named as tellers. The election resulted as follows:

Committee.—Messrs. M. Buehler, C. Kugler, G. P. Ockershausen, J. Sulgér, and H. Goodman.

GENERAL SYNOD'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION ELECTED.

An election was ordered for two persons to represent the General Synod in the Board of Publication. The tellers, Dr. W. White and Mr. E. G. Smyser, reported as elected: Rev. G. F. Stelling and Rev. C. A. Stork.

REPORT ON PASTORS' FUND.

Rev. E. W. Hutter, D. D., one of the Trustees of the Pastors' Fund, reported that at the meeting of the Society, two years ago, at Fort Wayne, he had received from Mr. L. L. Houpt, the former Treasurer, the assets of the Society, which he has carefully kept, and which are still in his possession. Owing to the peculiar composition of the Board of Trustees,—one-half of its number having been appointed from churches which soon after dissolved their connection with the General Synod,—no formal organization of the Board, nor indeed any meeting, had taken place during this interval of two years.

TRUSTEES OF PASTORS' FUND ELECTED.

The following named persons were elected Trustees of the Pastors' Fund: Rev. E. W. Hutter, D. D., Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D., Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., Mr. M. Buehler, Mr. A. G. Stein, and Mr. F. V. Beisel.

On motion, the Synod was temporarily adjourned to afford the Church Extension Society an opportunity to hold a meeting. Upon the adjournment of the Society the Synod resumed its session.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HARRISBURG.

The President having read a communication from the Young Men's Christian Association, the following was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, The members of this Synod have been invited by the Young Men's Christian Association to participate in the meeting to be held in the New School Presbyterian Church, Market Square, this evening, at 7½ o'clock; therefore,

Resolved, That we feel a deep interest in the objects aimed at by that Association, and would take pleasure in accepting the invitation, if practicable, to attend the meeting this evening, yet, on account of the pressure of business on hand, we deem it inexpedient to suspend the regular business of the Synod.

SICKNESS OF REV. JOSHUA EVANS.

The following preamble and resolutions were presented in reference to the sudden affliction, by sickness, of Rev. J. Evans, during his attendance upon this Synod:

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, Rev. Joshua Evans, a brother beloved in Christ, one of the delegates of the Susquehanna Synod to this convention of the General Synod, has been suddenly stricken down with sickness; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with sorrow of Brother Evans' illness, and that our sympathies and prayers are with him.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our warmest sympathies to the family and congregation of our dear brother, condoling with them in their affliction, and earnestly beseeching our Heavenly Father to sustain and comfort them in their season of sorrow.

Resolved, That we, as members of this General Synod, warned by this dispensation of Providence of the uncertainties of life, are exhorted to greater diligence and faithfulness in our labors, and reminded of the importance of "being always ready, as we know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh."

Unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON TRESSLER ORPHANS' HOME.

Rev. M. Officer read, for the committee, a report on the letter concerning the Orphans' Home, which had been referred to them:

Your Committee report that the paper placed in their hands is the Constitution of the Tressler Orphans' Home of the Lutheran Church of the General Synod, located at Loysville, Perry county, Pa. The plan of this Institution is to combine manual labor with mental and moral culture, and therefore it is proposed to purchase a large farm adjoining the present grounds of the Institution, so as to furnish the male portion of the inmates with suitable labor.

The Board of Trustees having the management of the Institution, is composed of representatives of all the Synods of the General Synod, which co-operate in the support of the Institution; and hence the way is open for all the Synods in the General Synod to participate in the management as well as the maintenance of this laudable enterprise.

The Constitution also provides that, in case this Institution, at any time hereafter, shall cease to be an orphans' home, then all the property belonging thereto shall pass into the possession of the General Synod, and shall be used by the Synod as an Academy for the education of young men and women. In view of the noble object of this Institution, and in view of the equitable provisions made for its government and support, your committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod heartily rejoices in the establishment of the Tressler Orphans' Home, and that it recommends to all the Synods in connection with the General Synod to co-operate, according to the provisions of the Constitution, in this commendable work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. OFFICER,
J. WINECOFF,
JOHN LUTZ.

The report, including the resolution contained therein, was adopted.

CONSTITUTION AND CHARTER OF TRESSLER ORPHANS' HOME.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I—*Of the Name and Object of this Institution.*

SEC. 1. This institution shall be known and designated by the name and title of the Tressler Orphans' Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States of America.

SEC. 2. The object and design of this institution is, and ever shall be, to provide a home for poor orphan children of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and such other poor orphan children as the Board will find the funds to justify; to have their temporal wants supplied; to educate them physically, intellectually, morally and religiously; and to extend over them a wholesome guardianship.

ART. II.—*Of the Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home.*

SEC. 1. This institution shall be under the control, management and care of a Board of Trustees, who shall be elected by the several Synods which contribute of their funds for the purchasing of the property for the use of the Orphans' Home, and obligate themselves thereafter for its support, according to the provisions in this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The Board of Trustees at present shall consist of two members, (one lay and one clerical) from each of the following Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz.: Synod of Central Pennsylvania, Allegheny Synod, West Pennsylvania Synod, and East Pennsylvania Synod, which have mutually agreed and obligated themselves, and do hereby, through their Trustees, agree and obligate themselves to pay their respective proportions of money for the buying of the Tressler Academy property; and also agree and obligate themselves hereafter to contribute their respective proportion of funds for the maintenance and education of the poor orphan children in the Home.

SEC. 3. Hereafter Trustees shall be admitted to membership in this Board from any Synod in connection with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America; provided that they give assurance to the Board, in existence and power at the time of their application, that the Synod or Synods, which they claim to represent, do obligate themselves to contribute a ratable proportion of money to defray the expenses of the institution.

SEC. 4. One half of all the Trustees, representing the several Synods in connection with this institution in the Board, shall at any time constitute a quorum.

SEC. 5. The Board shall choose from the number of its members a Chairman and Secretary, who shall serve for one year, but may be re-elected for any number of successive years; provided the Synod or Synods, whose representative they are, continue them in the Board. The duties of the chairman shall be to preside over the meetings of the Board, and in connection with the Secretary shall sign all instruments of writing requiring the signature of the Board. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the Board, and of the state of the Orphans' Home in a book provided for the purpose. It shall also be his duty to do all the correspondence of the Board, and sign, in connection with the Chairman, all instruments of writing requiring the signature of the Board.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall also be chosen by the Board, and may, or may not, be a member of it. He shall, however, be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States of America. He must be a man of approved reputation. He shall be chosen by the Board annually, but may be re-elected for any number of successive years. It shall be his duty to receive and expend the money of the institution according to the direction of the Board. He shall be required to keep a faithful account of all the moneys received and expended; and he shall also give an accurate report of the condition of the treasury to the Board at every annual meeting, and oftener if the Board require it. The Treasurer's book, report and vouchers shall be subject to a committee annually for examination. The Treasurer shall be required to enter into a bond with approved security to the Board of

Trustees, for a faithful and honest performance of his trust, to the amount of three thousand dollars, or more, if the Board require it.

ART. III.—*Of the Meetings of the Board.*

SEC. 1. The Board of Trustees shall be required to meet annually at the Orphans' Home, for the transaction of business. A special meeting shall at any time be called whenever required by two of the Trustees. All meetings shall be called by the Chairman. Three weeks' previous notice shall be given of every meeting in two of the church papers, in circulation within the bounds and among the members of the Synods belonging to the General Synod in the United States of America, or by the Secretary addressing every Trustee individually. The Board shall always have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in any of the offices of the institution, except that of Trustee.

ART. IV.—*Of Synods' Representation in the Board.*

SEC. 1. Synods which at this time are in connection with the Tressler Orphan Home, and those which may hereafter become connected with it, according to the provisions and regulations of this Constitution, shall have the following representations in the Board of Trustees:

Twelve ordained ministers in a Synod shall entitle it to two Trustees, (one lay and one clerical.) Thirty ordained ministers in a Synod shall entitle it to four Trustees, (two lay and two clerical.) Sixty or more ordained ministers in a Synod shall entitle it to six Trustees, (three lay and three clerical.)

SEC. 2. The funds to be raised and furnished by the several Synods in connection with the Orphans' Home shall be proportioned according to the number of ministers in each Synod: and any funds received from persons or sources outside of these Synods, shall in the same manner be accredited.

SEC. 3. The manner in which the Trustees shall be elected, and the number of years they shall serve, shall be at the option of each Synod electing them. But the Trustees elected by the different Synods represented in the Board, shall be required to present written certificates, signed by the President and Secretary of the Synods to which they respectively belong, before they shall be admitted as members of the Board. Every Trustee shall, at his matriculation, be required to subscribe to the Constitution.

SEC. 4. Any Synod or Synods neglecting, or refusing, either to send Trustees to represent them in the Board, or to contribute to the support of the institution in accordance with the specifications of the Constitution, for two successive years, shall forfeit thereby their claim, right, and title in the Orphans' Home.

SEC. 5. In case it should so occur, in the course of time and events, that the several Synods, which now hold and may hereafter hold the Tressler Academy property in their possession for the use of an Orphans' Home, as stated in this Constitution, shall cease to have an Orphans' Home kept in the Tressler Academy, then upon that event, or occurrence, the whole property shall become the property of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, and shall by said Synod be used as an academy for the education of young men and women, under the instruction of teachers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ART. V.—*Of the Superintendent, Teachers, and Steward of the Home and School.*

SEC. 1. The Superintendent, Teachers, and Steward must be members of the Lutheran Church of the General Synod, of good moral and religious character, and competently qualified for the several situations to be occupied by them.

SEC. 2. The duties of the Superintendent shall be to assist in the instruction of the school; to have the supervision and management of the Home; to employ the Steward and Teachers; and to provide all necessaries for it, according to the instruction and direction of the Board.

SEC. 3. The Teachers must be members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. They must have an approved moral and religious character, and be competently qualified to teach. The salaries of the Superintendent and all other persons employed in the institution shall be determined and agreed upon by the Board of Trustees in written contracts.

ART. VI.—*Of the Children to be admitted into the Orphans' Home.*

SEC. 1. Application for the admission of children into the Home must be made to the Board by reliable persons. The applicant or applicants must make a satisfactory statement of the condition of the children. Poor orphan children only who have no funds, or means of their own, and no available source from which they can obtain means for their support and education, shall be received into the Home. They must be free from contagious diseases.

SEC. 2. In case any child should prove incorrigible, the Board shall dismiss it from the Home to the applicant or applicants, and if he or they refuse to take the child, then the Board of Trustees shall send it to the House of Correction.

ART. VII.—*Of the Education of the Children.*

The children shall be taught in all the branches of a good and thorough English education. They shall be thoroughly educated in the doctrines of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as held by the General Synod. And they may, when of a suitable age, and have suitable qualifications, be received as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church by the ordinance of baptism, or the rite of confirmation.

ART. VIII.—*Miscellaneous Matters.*

SEC. 1. The Board of Trustees shall have power, at any regular meeting, to enact and adopt such By-Laws, not conflicting with this Constitution, or any of its regulations, or provisions, as may be deemed necessary for the government and successful management of the Orphans' Home. Such By-Laws shall be binding and obligatory on all whom they may concern, the same as the Constitution, as long as they are not repealed.

SEC. 2. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Trustees. The intention of such alteration or amendment must be announced; and the particular part or parts to be altered or amended must be specifically stated a year previous.

CHARTER

Granted by the Court of Perry County, Pennsylvania.

And now to wit, the sixth of January, A. D. 1868, it appearing to the Court, that notice of the application for said charter of incorporation has been regularly given by the Prothonotary, by advertisement published in the Perry County *Democrat* (a paper printed in said county of Perry,) for three weeks previous to this term, according to law, and no reason being shown to the contrary; the Court do decree and declare, that the persons so aforesaid shall, according to the articles and conditions in this instrument set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic; and further direct, that the said charter of incorporation shall be recorded in the Office for the Recording of Deeds of said county of Perry; and on said instrument being so recorded, the persons so associated or meaning to associate, shall, according to the object, articles, and conditions in said instrument set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic in law and fact; to have continuance by the name, style, and title of the "Tressler Orphans' Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States of America."

REVISED CONSTITUTION OF GENERAL SYNOD RESUMED.

The business pending from the preceding session was taken up, viz.: the consideration of the Revised Constitution for the Synod.

On motion,

Resolved, That no member of the Synod shall be allowed, during the remainder of the present convention, to speak more than ten minutes on any one item of business.

When Section 3, of Article II., was adopted, which was done with entire unanimity, by a rising vote, the Synod united in singing the doxology,

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Pending the further discussion of the document, the Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg.

SIXTH DAY.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. J. R. Dimm.

The minutes were read and pronounced correct.

The order of business was suspended to hear the report of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society.

EVENING SESSION ORDERED.

On motion,

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 7½ o'clock this evening; and that the order of business for that hour be the report of the Committees on the Jubilee, and on the State of the Church.

REVISED CONSTITUTION OF GENERAL SYNOD RESUMED.

The report of the Committee on Revising the Constitution of the General Synod, pending from the morning session, was again taken up.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

The proposed Constitution was examined, amended, and adopted, *seriatim*, to the end, and then adopted as a whole, as follows:

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD AT HARRISBURG, AND NOW SUBMITTED TO THE SEVERAL DISTRICT SYNODS FOR THEIR "DECISION."

PREAMBLE.

Jesus Christ, the Supreme Head of His Church, having prescribed no entire specific directory for its government and discipline, and every section of His Church being left at liberty to make such regulations additional to those found in the Scriptures, as are in harmony with the word of God, and best adapted to its situation and circumstances; therefore, relying upon God our Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit in the word of God, for the promotion of the practice of brotherly love, to the furtherance of Christian concord, to the firm establishment and continuance of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and for the accomplishment of the grand design for which the Church of Christ was established on earth,—We, the Evangelical Lutheran Synods connected with the General Synod, for ourselves and our successors, do adopt the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name, style, and title of this body shall be: "THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The General Synod shall consist of the Clerical and Lay Delegates from the several District Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States which are now connected with it, or may hereafter join

themselves thereunto, and who shall be duly acknowledged as members thereof in the following ratio, namely:

Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod, containing eight ministers, may send one; if it contain sixteen, two; if twenty-four, three; if thirty-two, four; if forty, five; if fifty-five, six; if seventy, seven; if eighty-five, eight; and if it contain one hundred and upwards, nine delegates of the rank of ordained ministers, and an equal number of lay delegates. Each Synod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay representative.

SECTION 2. Each delegate appearing in the General Synod, according to this ratio shall enjoy equal rights and privileges in the transaction of its business. Each Synod may choose its delegates in such manner as to it may seem proper, and shall pay the traveling expenses of the same to and from the General Synod, unless the General Synod itself shall otherwise provide.

SECTION 3. All regularly constituted Lutheran Synods, not now in connection with the General Synod, receiving and holding with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of our fathers the word of God, as contained in the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession, as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the Divine word and of the faith of our Church founded upon that word, may at any time become associated with the General Synod, by adopting this Constitution, and sending delegates to its convention according to the ratio specified in section first of this article.

SECTION 4. Should the delegates of any District Synod withdraw from the sessions of the General Synod without the consent of a majority of the members of the body, and such withdrawal be sanctioned by their Synod; or should any Synod, without being excused by the General Synod, decline sending delegates, such Synod shall be considered as having severed its connection with the General Synod, and its delegates can only be again received as those of a newly-applying Synod.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The delegates to the General Synod shall, at each meeting, choose by ballot, from among their own number, a President and Secretary; and, from among their own number or elsewhere, a Treasurer. These officers shall continue in office until the next meeting of the Synod, and until others are chosen in their stead. The same person is at all times re-eligible as Secretary or Treasurer; but no one may be elected President except an ordained minister, nor more than twice in succession.

SECTION 2. The President shall act as chairman of the Synod, and may take part in the discussions, and vote as any other member, but shall not originate motions. He shall subscribe all letters, written advices, resolutions, and proceedings of the Synod. In extraordinary cases, and by request of any one or more of the acknowledged Synods, or by a respectable number of the ministers or churches connected with the General Synod, he may convene the delegates of the General Synod in special session. In case the business of the Secretary becomes too burdensome for one person to execute, he shall, with the concurrence of the Secretary, appoint an Assistant Secretary, and make known to him what portion of the labor he is to undertake.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings, write, attest, and take care of all the documents and writings, publish the time and place of the meeting of the Synod in the papers of the church, at least two months beforehand, and, in case of a special meeting, he shall give written notice thereof to the President of each of the District Synods, immediately upon the issue of the call for such special meeting.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys of the Synod, and shall keep a faithful account of the same, which must be submitted at each meeting of the General Synod. At its pleasure he may also be required to give bond and security for the faithful performance of his trust. He shall pay out moneys only in pursuance of a resolution of Synod, or upon an order of the President attested by the Secretary.

SECTION 5. Should any officer of the Synod, in the intermediate time of the assembling of the body, depart this life, resign his office, or become incapable of executing the same, then the remaining officers shall appoint some capable and faithful man in his place, until the next meeting of the General Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

The General Synod, as the highest Ecclesiastical Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches connected with it through their District Synods, shall have the control of all those interests of the Church which are of a general character. The powers more specifically intrusted to the General Synod are chiefly the following:

SECTION 1. The General Synod shall examine the proceedings of the District Synods belonging to it, in order that it may obtain a knowledge of the existing state of the Church; and it may publish the statistics of the Church, and reports on the state of religion, with such plans and recommendations for the promotion of the kingdom of Christ, at home and abroad, as it shall deem proper. The District Synods shall, therefore, transmit to it regularly several copies of the proceedings of their annual conventions.

SECTION 2. The General Synod shall be charged with the duty of providing the books or writings to be used in the public worship of the Church, and in the catechetical instruction of the young, such as Liturgies, Hymn Books, and Catechisms; and no District Synod shall, without the sanction of the General Synod, publish or recommend books of this kind other than those furnished by the General Synod.

SECTION 3. The General Synod, as the representative body of all the Synods connected therewith, shall make provision for the general missionary and benevolent operations of the Church, such as Home and Foreign Missions, Church Extension, providing a Church Literature, founding and maintaining institutions for the support of poor and disabled ministers and their widows and orphans, and other general benevolent and charitable institutions. It shall use all its power and means to unite, foster, and make efficient these operations of the Church.

SECTION 4. To accomplish these ends, the General Synod shall, whenever deemed practicable and expedient, create and perpetuate such Boards of Managers as it may consider necessary efficiently to carry forward these operations of the Church, and determine the number of members of each, and the

time of their continuance in office, and assign to each Board its appropriate work and duties. These Boards shall always be subject to and under the control of the General Synod.

SECTION 5. Each Board thus created, acting under the control and by the authority of the General Synod, shall make the regulations necessary for the management of its own affairs, shall appoint its own officers, shall keep full and correct minutes of its proceedings, and shall make report of the same at each meeting of the General Synod. For the greater security of the funds and property which may at any time be intrusted to these Boards, any one or all of them shall, at the request of the General Synod, obtain acts of incorporation, and the Treasurers of the same shall give suitable bonds for the faithful performance of their duties.

SECTION 6. The General Synod may also institute and create a treasury for the efficient advancement of its purposes.

SECTION 7. The General Synod shall also advise the adoption of such rules and regulations among the several Synods as may prevent unpleasant and unfriendly collisions that might otherwise arise out of any difference of opinion existing among them, or from any other causes, and it shall apply all its powers, prayers, and means for the prevention of schisms among us—it shall be sedulously and incessantly regardful of the circumstances of the times, and of every casual rise and progress of unity of sentiment among Christians in general, in order that the blessed opportunities to promote concord and unity, and the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, may not pass by neglected and unavailing.

SECTION 8. The General Synod may give advice or opinion, when complaints shall be brought before them, by whole Synods, Ministeriums, Congregations, or individual Ministers or Laymen, concerning doctrine or discipline. They shall, however, be extremely careful that the consciences of ministers of the Gospel be not burdened with human inventions, laws, or devices, and that no one be oppressed by reason of differences of opinion on non-fundamental doctrines.

SECTION 9. If differences of Synods be referred, the votes thereon shall be taken by Synods, and the referring Synods shall have no vote.

ARTICLE V.

The order of business shall be regulated by the By-Laws and Standing Rules, except as follows:

SECTION 1. A majority of Delegates appearing with proper credentials shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 2. The General Synod shall appoint, by ballot, the time and place of the next convention; observing, at all times, however, that one meeting, at least, be held every two years.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. The General Synod may make whatever By-Laws it may deem necessary, provided only that they do not contradict the spirit of this Constitution.

SECTION 2. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made, except by the

consent of two-thirds of the Synods attached to the General Synod. An exact copy of the intended alterations must be sent by the Secretary to the Presidents of the District Synods in connection with this body, with the request that they submit them to their respective Synods for decision. And if, at the subsequent meeting of the General Synod, it shall appear from their minutes that two-thirds of the District Synods are in favor of the alterations, they shall be declared adopted.

COMMITTEE TO PREPARE CONSTITUTION FOR THE PRESS.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That Rev. Drs. E. W. Hutter and L. E. Albert act in conjunction with the Secretary to prepare the amended Constitution for the press.

PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTING OF CONSTITUTION.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to publish three hundred extra copies of the amended Constitution, and send at least ten copies to the President or Secretary of each District Synod.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

The committee on the Treasurer's Report reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, A. F. Ockershausen, Esq., beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and found it correct. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer at this date is $1,680.80. Your committee are pleased to observe the increasing amount contributed by individual congregations towards the defraying of the expenses connected with the meeting of the General Synod, and trust that the time is not far distant when by this method alone the expenses will be fully met.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER E. ALBERT,
MARTIN BUEHLER,
VALENTINE F. BOLTON,
D. L. TRESSLER,
N. HODGE.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON ECCLESIASTICAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Correspondence reported:

The Committee on Correspondence with other Ecclesiastical Bodies, beg leave to present the following nominations:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church: Rev. A. H. Lochman, D.D., Principal; Rev. M. Valentine, D.D., Alternate.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (New School), Rev. G. F. Stelling, Principal; Rev. G. W. Halderman, Alternate.

To the Northern Provincial Synod of the Church of the United Brethren (Moravians): Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D.D., Principal; Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D., Alternate.

To the Evangelical Church Union of the West: Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D., Principal; Rev. C. Kuhl, Alternate.

Your committee, in view of the duty enjoined upon the General Synod by its Constitution, "to be regardful of the circumstances of the times, and of every casual rise of unity of sentiment among Christians," suggest that this body now take the initiatory step to establish fraternal relations with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Old School), and that the Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D., be and he is hereby appointed to make known to that body the desire of the General Synod to enter into ecclesiastical correspondence with it.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. CONRAD,
L. M. KUHNS,
HUGH WELLS,
R. A. FINK,
A. ESSICK.

The report was approved.

PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE REFORMED (DUTCH) CHURCH.

On motion, the following proposition was offered:

Resolved, That in conformity with the language of the Constitution of the General Synod, "to be regardful of the circumstances of the times, and of every casual rise of unity and sentiment among Christians," the Rev. Prof. W. N. Scholl, D.D., be hereby appointed to express to the General Synod of the Protestant Reformed (Dutch) Church in the United States the desire of this General Synod to establish correspondence with that body.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

ON CORRESPONDENCE OF OUR SYNODS WITH CONGREGATIONALISTS.

The following was, on motion, presented:

WHEREAS, The Associations of (Orthodox) Congregational ministers of the State of Ohio have elected delegates to represent them at the meetings of the different Synods in Ohio connected with the General Synod, with a view of encouraging a friendly correspondence between us and the church they represent; therefore,

Resolved, That we hail with unmingled pleasure this manifestation of kindly feeling on the part of our Congregational breth-

ren, that we most heartily reciprocate their brotherly intentions, and that we encourage the interchange of delegates with them by our district Synods.

Unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT ON LUTHER'S SMALLER CATECHISM.

The standing committee on developing Luther's Smaller Catechism, appointed in 1866, as appears in printed Minutes, page 50, reported progress:

The Committee appointed to prepare a more specific and detailed development of Luther's Smaller Catechism, beg leave to present the following:

That they have nearly completed the work, but that they have not had the time to make the necessary examination in combination, to enable them to present the Catechism in a finished form at present, and, therefore, respectfully request further time to complete their work.

F. W. CONRAD,
M. SHEELEIGH,
CHARLES A. HAY.

The report was adopted and the committee continued.

REPORT OF LITURGICAL COMMITTEE.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown, for the Liturgical Committee, read a report on the form of public service.

The report was laid on the table, and the committee discharged.

A motion was made that a Liturgical Committee of five members be appointed, to prepare a form of worship for Sabbath morning service, and for the Lord's Supper and Baptism, so that the pastors may have it in their hands at an early day.

Pending the discussion, the hour of adjournment arrived. Adjourned to 7½ o'clock this evening.

Prayer by Rev. G. Neff.

SIXTH DAY.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock, May 13th.

At the appointed time the President called the house to order, requested a voluntary on the organ, and directed the singing of the 530th hymn—

"Hark! the song of Jubilee."

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. Henry.

The proceedings of the afternoon were read and adopted.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In presenting its report on the State of the Church, your Committee is reminded, at the very first, of the fact that the period it is intended to cover, since the last meeting of the General Synod, has formed a crisis of peculiar interest to our Lutheran Zion, and must appear as a marked stage in its development. We have been compelled to see the withdrawal of the Synod of Pennsylvania, the Minnesota Synod, the English Synod of Ohio, and portions of three other Synods, from their connection with us, attended with a vigorous and carefully organized effort to overthrow the General Synod, and arrest the progress of our Church in the line of the true historic Lutheranism to which this body is devoted. It must, however, be recorded with devout gratitude, that the great Head of the Church has been pleased to arrest the proposed work of disorganization, and restrain it within comparatively small limits. That but three entire Synods, and parts of three others, have thus seceded from us, and been led into the narrow and intolerant particularity of Lutheranism now attempted to be combined in this country, in opposition to the true spirit and life of our Church, must be looked upon as one important fact of strength, in a proper estimate of the state of the Church here represented. As the withdrawing portions were, probably, never cordially and fully with us, gladly as the Church would have retained their co-operation, their separation can hardly be considered as a diminution of our power and working efficiency. Abundant confirmation of this has been given in the facts developed in the course of our present meeting, as well as in the papers before us. Under the law of compensation, we rejoice to be able to see in the unity, peace and harmony now among us, the attainment of a more compact and effective working power.

The life and condition of the Church, in the Synods here represented, will be best exhibited in a view of some particulars.

I.—ATTENDANCE ON THE MEANS OF GRACE.

The reports from the different Synods authorize the statement, that our churches, during the last two years, have been blessed with an increased attendance on the public worship and ordinances of the sanctuary. Larger and still larger numbers of persons are coming under the regular preaching of the word. Catechetical instruction, in its true conception, may be regarded as restored to its true place among us. Prayer meetings, in which the laity agree as touching the things they should ask, continue to bless our churches. Whilst this use of the means of grace, and engagement in the devotions of God's house, do not in themselves constitute religion, we are permitted to regard them as among its proper and necessary manifestations, and as tokens of quickened spiritual life and condition of progress in the Church.

II.—INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP.

The Synodical statistics before us present evidence of encouraging accessions to the membership of our churches. Though the aggressive power of

the Church upon the world has not been what it should be, there is reason for the cheering belief that some ground has been gained. From many parts have come reports of special refreshings and ingatherings. Your Committee recognize in revivals the Church's power of rapid success and triumph, and present it as a cheering fact that lately God has been pleased to multiply these seasons of aggressive victory. Separating them from fanaticism and disorder, and not allowing their occurrence to lower the sense of the importance of the ordinary and regular services of the sanctuary, the Church is encouraged to a more faithful preaching of the word, and use of the means of grace, in the confident trust that God will pour out His Spirit, and repeat the Pentecostal power of the saving Gospel.

III.—MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

The statistics of the several Synods indicate a new energy in the Home Mission work. Many missionaries are reported as being at work in the bounds of the several Synods. The work of the Home Missionary Society has been reported as prosperous elsewhere. The churches have been more widely and intelligently aroused to the great needs of the vast fields of the West, and the responsibilities of our Church in the important work of evangelizing the masses of Lutheran descent and attachments that are filling up our land.

It is to be regretted that the interest of the churches in the Foreign Mission work has been so languid. The appeals made so urgently by the executive committee of the Foreign Missionary Society have met apparently with but feeble response. The Church needs to be aroused to give new heed to the command of her Master, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Cheering progress is reported in the building and repair of very many church edifices in the various Synods.

We may report a very large increase of energy in those activities of the Church that terminate in the home field. We are growing largely in our own borders, and may look for a new infusion of life into the Foreign work.

IV.—BENEVOLENCE.

The benevolent operations of the Church have been greatly increased during the past two years. Almost every Synod reports an increase of liberality among its churches. Some speak of a slow and steady increase; others of a large accession of zeal in this line. Throughout the Church there are indications that the great backwardness which has hitherto characterized our Church in this line is giving place to a deeper sense of responsibility and a practical acknowledgment that the silver and gold are also the Lord's. But there remain yet great improvements to be made. The Home Missionary field, the Church Extension Society, our Colleges and Seminaries are calling for help. May we not hope—should we not pray—that the Lord may open the hearts of his people to do liberal things for our Zion in this Jubilee year?

V.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AND CATECHISATION.

The past two years have been a period of unusual activity in the Sunday-

school work throughout the whole Church. Our Church has shared largely in this new access of zeal. Our Sunday-schools have grown throughout all our Churches in numbers and efficiency. They are assuming a new and greater importance in the eyes of ministers and Synods. This, however, has not been to the neglect of our time-honored and invaluable practice of catechisation. Many Synods speak of a great revival of interest in this important institution, and a resumption of the custom in places where it had fallen into disuse or neglect. Many of the most extensive revivals of religion, that have marked the history of our Church in the past two years, had their origin in the exercises of the catechetical classes.

VI.—THEOLOGICAL AND LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Our Colleges and Theological Seminaries have been largely increased in strength by endowment, increase of the number of students and renewed confidence of the churches. In view of the remarkable seasons of revival enjoyed in many of our churches, these are cheerful promises of a great increase of students having the ministry in view at our various institutions of learning.

VII.—NEEDS.

Though our hearts are cheered with the good tidings that come to us from every part of the Church—with the signs of new life, new interest in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, new activities and large accessions of number, increase of benevolent contributions and revivals of religion—we have yet great needs that it behooves us to make known to the Church, that she may seek their supply.

1. *We need Ministers of the Gospel*—Our Home Mission operations are sadly crippled for want of men. We need men here even more than money: fit men would bring the means. We need men for the extension of our church in our own borders; congregations overburdened with numbers, churches too unwieldly and far separated call for division, but we can neither colonize nor divide as need calls for each minister of the word. Our Foreign Missions call for men. Our Literary and Theological Seminaries call for fit men. May the great Head of the Church awake his people, that they may devote their children to his service in the work of the ministry! It needs that the pastors present this want urgently and continuously, that the attention of young men entering the fold of the Church may be called to ask themselves, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

2. *Liberality in benevolent operations.*—Our mission fields at home and abroad call for more liberal contributions. Important fields are opened to us, points of influence have been secured, great prospects of growth open to our Church: but these fields require large and liberal support. Our people must feel that a new measure of liberality is demanded. In view of the numbers of beneficiaries that the late revivals will, in all probability, bring to our institutions, it is highly necessary that our education funds be greatly increased. We need that our Colleges and Seminaries should be fully endowed. The Publication Society asks for new encouragement and the means of an enlarged efficiency. As many of the Synods have passed resolutions and adopted

measures looking to a greatly enlarged liberality to the several benevolent operations of the Church during the present Jubilee year, we may confidently look for a great augmentation of the funds of all our benevolent institutions and societies.

3. *We need to cast ourselves* as a Church more heartily into the great currents of concerted Christian attack on the kingdom of darkness and sin in the world. We have long been lagging in this work. Now that we are delivered from the incumbus that has been upon us, it becomes us that we take that place in the foremost ranks of universal and concerted Christian activity that becomes the great Church of the Reformation. We need to reproduce in every member of our Church the sense of personal responsibility as a Christian soldier, and of personal obligation as a witness for Jesus, that characterized the early Church. We need to reassert the great Lutheran doctrine of the universal priesthood of believers, and arouse our people to the solemn and inspiring truth that every one is called in his place, and according to his opportunities, to preach Christ and him crucified.

We congratulate the Church that she is free to run in this glorious race. Stripped of old incumbrances, united in spirit and aim, and in full sympathy with sister churches of Christ, she rises to a new plane of activity. The course is before her, but she must, as we trust she will, have a new measure of consecration, of activity, of liberality. Her past can be no measure for her future. May the Master grant her a new baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost, that she may rise to the measure of her great trust.

Respectfully submitted,

M. VALENTINE,
C. A. STORK,
A. H. LOCHMAN,
W. N. SCHOLL,
G. NEFF,
P. SHEEDER,
J. SWARTZ,
J. W. GOODLIN,
A. R. HOWBERT,
E. MILLER,
J. D. SEVERINGHAUS,
C. W. SANDERS,
J. H. W. STUCKENBERG,
P. SAHM,
W. WALTMAN,
D. SPRECHER,
A. M. GEIGER,
R. WEISER,
M. F. MARTENIS,
P. S. CROSS,
G. PARSON.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON JUBILEE OF THE GREAT REFORMATION, READ.

Rev. Prof. H. R. Geiger read a report on behalf of Committee on the Jubilee of the Great Reformation.

Laid over for further action.

ADDRESSES.

A number of stirring addresses were then made in relation to the blessed Reformation of religion in the sixteenth century, and the great things that have thence resulted as a glorious

inheritance to the whole Christian world, and especially to the Lutheran Church.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. Sheeder, and singing the doxology.

SEVENTH DAY.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, A.M., May 13th, 9 o'clock.

After the usual prayer meeting of half an hour, the business session was opened with singing, and by uniting in prayer with Rev. E. Miller.

The roll was called, and the minutes were read and confirmed.

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

The resolution pending from yesterday, in relation to appointing a Liturgic Committee, was amended so as to read thus:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the Liturgy, and that the President name the members thereof at his convenience.

Adopted.

Committee.—Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D., Rev. T. Stork, D.D., Rev. J. G. Butler.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL ON DRS. KRAUTH, BAUGHER AND HARRISON.

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial on the deaths of Rev. Drs. Krauth, Baugher and Harrison presented, through Rev. Dr. Diehl, the following report:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from the labors of the Church on earth to their heavenly rest, our beloved and venerated brethren and fathers, Drs. Harrison, Krauth and Baugher; therefore,

Resolved, That we feel deeply the loss of Dr. W. H. Harrison, who was for many years pastor in Cincinnati, a pious, earnest and excellent minister of the Gospel, and who was called away in the prime of life; of Dr. C. P. Krauth, Professor of Theology in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, a most saintly and venerable man, a learned and able Professor of Theology, and an eloquent preacher of the Gospel; of Dr. H. L. Baugher, a sincere and

earnest Christian, an excellent preacher and an energetic and efficient President of Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg.

Resolved, That while we submit to this chastening dispensation, and deplore the loss of the Church, we are yet devoutly thankful that the great Head of the Church had endowed these brethren with gifts and graces so various, afforded them opportunities of usefulness so abundant, and preserved their lives so long.

Resolved, That we tender our condolence and earnest sympathies to their afflicted families, and commend them to the divine grace and consolation of our Saviour

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to their bereaved families and to the publishers of our several church papers.

G. DIEHL,
F. W. CONRAD,
L. E. ALBERT.

The report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

REPORT ON A GERMAN HYMN BOOK.

Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg reported for the Committee on German Hymn Book:

Your Committee, appointed to prepare a Hymn Book for the German Churches of the General Synod, report: That they have canvassed the subject and have come to the conclusion that, under present circumstances, they do not propose any material change in the Hymn Book already largely introduced into our churches, and having the recommendation of several Synods. namely, the *Evangelisch Lutherische Kirchenlieder*. The Committee are of opinion that this book is the best of any now before the Church. The only change they would like to make, if it were in their power, would be to cut down the long hymns to an ordinary number of stanzas, and so arrange the form of the hymns that each strain may also commence a new line, as is the case in poetry generally.

In view of all the circumstances your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That this General Synod recommends to its German churches the Evangelical Lutheran Hymn Book published by Mrs. Wollenweber, of Philadelphia, and prepared by a Committee of different Synods, with Dr. Demme as chairman.

Resolved, That this committee be continued, to make such arrangements with the publisher as may be advantageous to the General Synod, and also, to further take into consideration (and, if found practicable, to effect,) such changes as are intimated in the above suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. LOCHMAN,
J. D. SEVERINGHAUS,
J. H. W. STUCKENBERG,
G. H. BRANDAU,
J. WINECOFF.

The report was adopted.

REPORT RELATIVE TO STATE OF CHURCH IN MINNESOTA.

Rev. E. Miller presented a report for the committee to whom were referred letters concerning Minnesota churches.

The Committee to whom were referred two communications on the state of the Lutheran Church in Minnesota, would beg leave to state, that one of said communications contains several statements bearing upon the prospects of the General Synod in that new but rapidly growing State. The writer, Rev. George A. Exline, represents that a large portion of the Scandinavians settled there have no connection with either the General Synod, or the General Council, being dissatisfied with the General Synod on account of its supposed radicalism; and with the General Council, on account of its supposed Romanizing tendencies. Also that the German Lutherans in that State have united with the General Council, but that many of their children, receiving an American education, cannot harmonize with the peculiar church spirit prevailing among them, and will seek a home in other Protestant bodies. Finally, that the writer knows of only three small congregations that desire to stand on the basis of the General Synod, all of which are under his own personal care.

As the General Synod cannot, as such, take any special action in reference to these facts, your committee would recommend that the letter of Mr. Exline be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society, with instructions to take it into such consideration as the case may require and their circumstances admit.

The other is a letter from a worthy layman, recently removed from one of our Eastern Churches to Minnesota, making inquiry whether aid could be furnished by the Church Extension Society toward the building of a house of worship in Fillmore county, of that State.

The facts presented seem to authorize the General Synod to commend any application, properly made from that quarter, to the favorable regard of the Executive Committee of the Church Extension Society.

Respectfully submitted,

EPHRAIM MILLER,
G. H. BRANDAU,
A. ESSICK.

The report was considered and adopted.

REPORT ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT GETTYSBURG.

The following report on the General Synod's Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, was read by the Rev. Dr. W. M. Baum, for Rev. Dr. A. H. Lochman, President of the Board of Directors:

According to the provision of the Constitution, it becomes my duty, as President of the Board of Directors, to present a report of the condition of

the Seminary to each successive session of the General Synod. In accordance with this provision, I beg leave respectfully to submit the following:

This time-honored Institution has in days past been signally honored and blessed of God. He has stamped upon it the seal of his approbation and favor, and made it an instrumentality of great good to the Church, which cannot be ignored, and is gratefully acknowledged in every section of our beloved Zion. Many have been compelled, in view of the past, to thank God and, in view of the future, to take courage.

Since our last report it has pleased God to remove Dr. C. P. Krauth, one of our ablest Professors, one whose memory we all cherish with fond delight, who, in his Christian deportment, his faithful labors, his devotedness to the interests of the Institution and the Church, has enshrined his memory in the warm heart-affections of all who knew him. He died with his harness on, and in a joyful hope of the glory that awaits the good and faithful. His death was calm, his end peace, and his works do follow him.

The men whom the Church has called to the different professorships in our beloved Institution are in every respect qualified for their position, whose ability, piety and devotedness to the interests of the Institution and Church cannot be called into question. They are men long known to the Church, good men and true, faithful to the doctrinal stand-point of the General Synod, and well deserve the confidence of the Church. In consequence of unavoidable adverse influences the number of students has not been as large as desirable, yet it will compare favorably with the catalogue of former years. During the last year ten ministers have been furnished to the Church, who are now all actively engaged in the Master's cause, in winning souls to Christ and building up the walls of our beloved Zion. The dark clouds which have been lowering over the Institution are, however, happily passing over, and a brighter and more hopeful day is beginning to dawn. I have been creditably informed that there are now in the different classes in the College between sixty and seventy young men who have the ministry in view, most of whom at the termination of their college course will enter the Seminary. A brighter future is before us.

The professors' houses have been enlarged and thoroughly repaired. I am not ready to give the correct statement of the financial condition of the Institution, but considerable progress has been made in this direction, yet the endowment is not what it ought to be. We need a fund for repairs in the building, which are very necessary and pressing at present. We need, also, some funds for the increase of the library and for other contingencies, and we hope and pray that the Church, in view of what God has accomplished through its instrumentality, will rally round this parent Institution and make it an Institution worthy of the Church, and of the General Synod, whose offspring it is and under whose fostering care it is placed.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Committee on Literary and Theological Institutions beg leave to present the following collection of reports furnished by representatives of the several institutions named:

1. *Hartwick Seminary, State of New York.*

For more than half a century this Seminary has been doing a good work; and, by the continued favor of the Lord, it will effect greater things in the future. The Semi-Centennial of August, 1866, marks an epoch in the history of this Institution not to be forgotten. An Alumni Professorship was inaugurated, which by due effort will be completed in season. A Memorial Volume, the product of this meeting, beautiful and valuable, is widely circulating, and is being read with satisfaction and profit.

Old buildings have been replaced by large, more commodious and attractive ones. A railroad running through the Susquehanna Valley, and near the buildings, is now being constructed, bringing us into connection with the great thoroughfares of our land. The regular instructions, partially interrupted for a season, will be resumed in the autumn, with renewed life and most encouraging prospects.

The work of endowment is steadily progressing; for God has owned it as his, and has signally blessed it. Much larger subscriptions can now be secured than were thought of three years ago; the spirit of benevolence has increased, and thousands of dollars more may be expected. The belief is now cherished that, through donations and legacies, the Seminary will be fully endowed, and the work of education successfully prosecuted.

Difficulties are passing away before the face of well directed, persistent and believing effort, and every thing within the reach of possibilities may be attained. All things are possible to them that believe; and God shall in all places be honored by those who put their trust in him. Men are needed for the great battle of life, in the conflict between truth and error—Christ and Belial; and from this Institution hundreds will go forth, properly qualified, by whom the name of God shall be magnified, and multitudes shall be saved.

2. *Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.*

Pennsylvania College was established in 1832, and has since that period been in successful operation. Its progress has been such as to gratify the most sanguine expectations of its friends. It has enjoyed the confidence of the public, and proved a blessing to the Church. In almost every State of the Union, its representatives are to be found, making an impression upon the community, and exerting an influence for good.

Founded in prayer and faith, with the primary design of bringing cultivated intellect into the service of the Church, of furnishing facilities by which men might be thoroughly educated and fitted for the ministry of reconciliation, it has not, with God's blessing resting upon its operations, failed in the object.

During the past year there have been connected with the Institution nearly two hundred students—a larger number than at any previous period in its history. Of these, more than one-half are communicant members of the Church, and upwards of seventy have resolved to devote themselves to the Gospel ministry. Last winter a most precious season of religious interest was enjoyed, and, as the result, at our last communion upwards of twenty students united themselves with the people of God in a public profession of their faith.

At the close of the last term the college was called to mourn the loss of its presiding officer. Dr. Baugher, who from the beginning—a period of thirty-six years—had, either as Professor or President, faithfully and successfully labored in the service of the Institution, peacefully passed to his rest.

3. *Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.*

The general prosperity of Wittenberg College has been steadily increasing ever since its establishment. It has been constantly growing in favor, not only with our own Church, but also with all other Christian denominations and the intelligent public, until at present all persons interested in the thorough education of the young, and acquainted with its course of instruction and method of teaching, regard it as one of the leading educational institutions of the West.

The Theological Department has already furnished for our own Church, besides several for other denominations, more than one hundred ministers, who, by the blessing of God, have been largely instrumental in building up that part of our Lutheran Zion west of the mountains connected with the General Synod. Fifteen young men have left this department during the past two years, most of whom are at present cultivating our Home Missionary fields in the far West.

The College department has had connected with it, during the past year, about one hundred and seventy students, more than two-thirds of whom are professed Christians, and about sixty of whom are preparing to enter the ministry.

The number of students, as well as the number of candidates for the ministry, could be largely increased, if beneficiary aid could be furnished to all those young men who desire to enter the ministry, but cannot prepare themselves without pecuniary assistance from the Church. The number of applicants for such aid has considerably increased since the close of the war. The Church should see to it that these young men, by some means, receive the aid they ask, and that they are not, for want of encouragement, and a little self-denial on the part of other Christians, entirely prevented from entering the ministry. The harvest, truly, is great, but the laborers are few. These young men who are seeking to enter the field should therefore be encouraged and assisted.

4. *The Missionary Institute, Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa.*

This institution has enjoyed its usual prosperity during the last two years. Since 1861 it has given the Church forty-two ministers. It shared very largely in a revival of the Second Lutheran Church in the town.

In the *Theological* department there are only four students at the present time. For want of funds, we have been under the necessity of rejecting quite a number of applicants.

The *Classical* department numbers 124 pupils during the present scholastic year, 24 of whom have the ministry in view.

Hereafter no *worthy* applicants shall be rejected: we will trust in God for the means of support.

5. *Mendota College, Mendota, Ill.*

This Institution has one of the finest locations in the State of Illinois,—beautiful, healthy, easy of access from all parts of the great North-West, and at a sufficient distance from any other college to insure it always a full and growing patronage.

Since its organization in 1857, it has had students from ten different States, while its income for tuition has more than supported the professors. During the last collegiate year, it has had 143 students connected with it.

The faculty consists of Rev. J. B. Corbett, A.M., President, and Professor of Mental and Moral Science; Rev. W. H. Wynn, A.M, Professor of Languages and Natural Sciences; and Rev. W. M. Sparr, A.M., Professor of Mathematics.

6. *Susquehanna Female College, Selinsgrove, Pa.*

Teachers, Rev. S. Domer, A.M., Proprietor and Principal. Assistants, during the year just closed, Miss M. E. Gilbert, Miss Emma Ruthrauff, Miss A. Mary Diller, and Miss Lydia C. Domer. Number of pupils during the year about ninety. Our attendance during the year just closed was not quite equal to former years.

The Standard of Education. Our course is an extended and thorough one. The ideal of our course has been found unattainable in practical application. The course of study is a four years' college course, the same as in colleges for young men; but we have found it, thus far, utterly impossible to get ladies to remain at school long enough to take the full course as laid down in our catalogue. Hence we have pursued an eclectic policy, making such arrangements as the circumstances of the young ladies actually required. Three years is usually the longest time the majority of our young ladies allow themselves for study away from home; and any one may readily understand how utterly impossible it must be to educate pupils very liberally when no more *time* is devoted to study. The result of actual experience in our school is, that our standard of education has been entirely too high for realization; a course of study demanding *four years*, beyond the preparatory department, cannot be *completed* by students, whether male or female, in *three* years' time. Hence we cannot actualize our ideal of female education, until parents and guardians, as well as ladies themselves, are willing to devote sufficient time to this important business. In the mean time, as "facts are stubborn things," we must meet the practical issues of female education as they arise, and shape the course of instruction to meet the wants of patrons according to the time they are willing to allow for study, while we inscribe on our banner, what may seem to many a strange device as it touches the subject of the education of the daughters of the Lutheran Church—"EXCELSIOR!"

The committee regret that so many Institutions connected with the Church failed to send any report.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. GEIGER,
W. M. BAUM,
W. N. SCHOLL,
H. ZIEGLER,
S. W. HARKEY,
G. MESSERSMITH.

REPORT ON HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The select committee charged to examine the report of the Hymn Book Committee, reported as follows:

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the report of the Hymn Book (Publication) Committee, respectfully state that upon examination of said report they find the same to be correct.

They also submit the following recommendations: That an immediate settlement be made of the account of the publishing Committee to the first day of May, 1868; and that hereafter the said Committee require settlement and payments made semi-annually, to the first of May and the first of November of each year.

Respectfully submitted,
S. PHILSON,
W. DETWILER.

The report was adopted.

REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION, AND ANSWER.

The following request from the Lutheran Board of Publication was officially presented:

INASMUCH as the Lutheran Publication Society is on the basis of the General Synod, and inasmuch as the profits of the Society, by its constitution, are required to be devoted to the causes of Education and Missions in the Lutheran Church; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Publication respectfully request the refusal of all the publications of the General Synod, allowing to said Synod such a premium on each book as it may deem reasonable and just.

J. H. HECK,
Recording Secretary.

Whereupon the succeeding resolution, acceding to the request, was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the request of the Board of Publication be granted, and that the Hymn Book Committee make such arrangements as may be just to both parties.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY.

On motion, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, It is the duty of every Christian, layman as well as minister, to engage, in earnest personal work for Christ; therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of the General Synod, such work will be greatly facilitated and rendered far more efficient by the use of cards and slips designed to introduce personal religion and impress saving truth on the mind.

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

A series of resolutions on Christian unity was offered, discussed, and adopted as here presented:

WHEREAS, Certain bodies, bearing the Lutheran name, oppose the various efforts now being made to form a more intimate visible union of all the followers of Christ, refuse to commune even with those who differ from them only in non-fundamentals, and exclude from their pulpits the ministers of all other denominations; and,

WHEREAS, Such an exclusive and intolerant spirit is calculated to injure the cause of Christ, and to cast reproach on the Lutheran name; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, deem it proper to call special attention to the third article of the Apostles' Creed, in which we confess our faith in one holy catholic Church and the communion of saints.

Resolved, That the real spiritual unity of the Church is not dependent on external sameness or uniformity, but on God's Spirit working on the hearts of believers, through the word and the sacraments.

Resolved, That in accordance with these principles, and true to our past history, we will continue to cherish towards all Evangelical pastors and churches the spirit of Christian affection and fellowship; will welcome to the Lord's table all who are the sincere followers of Jesus Christ, in good standing in their respective churches; will heartily co-operate with the American Bible and Tract Societies, the American Sunday School Union, the Young Men's Christian Associations, and all similar organizations, to promote the spread of the Gospel and the edification of the Church of Christ.

Resolved, That the fundamental doctrines of Scripture, which Jesus and his Apostles made the condition of fellowship, which Luther and his co-laborers restored to their purity, and which form the basis of this General Synod, are the necessary condition for the visible organic unity of all Christians, being broad enough for all the true followers of Christ.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS ON INCREASE OF MINISTRY.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare and publish in our Church papers an address to our Synods and churches on the great and urgent want of an increase in the ministry of our Church, and that the pastors of our congregations be requested to read said address in their pulpits.

The President appointed the brethren whose names follow, as the

Committee.—Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D., Rev. A. H. Lochman, D. D., Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. J. G. Butler, Rev. J. Winecoff.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. J. Hellsel conducted prayer.

SEVENTH DAY.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, P. M., MAY 14th, 2 o'clock.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. S. Sentman.

The record of the forenoon session was read and adopted.

WORLD'S EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

On motion, the preamble and resolution given below were unanimously adopted, and the committee provided for appointed:

WHEREAS, We believe that much has been accomplished for the Redeemer's Kingdom through the World's Evangelical Alliance, organized in London, in the year of our Lord, 1846, by bringing representatives of Christ's Church from the different parts of the earth, to compare views, to take counsel of one another, to pray together for the prosperity of Zion, to cultivate Christian charity and unity, and to pledge their hearts and hands to a more active and general co-operation for the glory of God and the salvation of men; and,

WHEREAS, We have an additional reason to feel a deep in-

terest in that organization, because of the fact that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was represented in the first convention held in London, by several delegates who there co-operated with many of the best men of our Church and other churches in widely separated lands; and,

WHEREAS, It is stated in the report of the delegate of the American Evangelical Alliance to the fifth convention of the General or World's Evangelical Alliance, held at Amsterdam, in 1867, that many of the members seemed ready to accept an invitation to hold the sixth convention in the city of New York; therefore,

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States appoint a committee of five persons, of which the President of this Synod shall be the chairman, to correspond with the officers of the American Evangelical Alliance, for the purpose of expressing, through that organization, the assurance that this General Synod do most cordially unite in welcoming the World's Evangelical Alliance to hold its sixth convention upon the shores of this Western world, and that the same committee be hereby authorized to act as a delegation to represent the General Synod in the said sixth convention, whether it meet in America or in Europe.

Committee.—Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D., Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. H. Ziegler, D. D., Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D.

REPORT ON THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The following report was rendered by the committee appointed for the purpose:

The modern Sunday-school, not yet a century old, is undeniably a work of God. In the British Islands and in America, where, with scarcely any exceptions, it has been adopted by Christians, it has already been instrumental in producing an amount of good which neither the science of numbers nor the tongue of eloquence can adequately set forth. It has, moreover, extended to many countries, is steadily gaining foothold in still other lands, and is at this day one of the most important agencies in almost every mission field among the heathen. Considering the recent history of this institution, the remarkable hold which it has gained upon the affections of the Christian world, and the blessed results already realized, we are profoundly impressed with the greatness of the cause, and are led to exclaim: "What hath God wrought!"

With almost every Christian congregation in our land there is now connected a Sabbath-school. In our large cities, and in sparsely-settled places, a great mission work is carried forward by the Sunday-school. In many instances, especially in the newer parts of the country, it prepares the way for the preached word and the ordinances. The Sunday-school has created a new literature for the young; it employs the talent of the laity of the church to an extent never before known; and affords such aid and encouragement to the ministry that the pastor who is surrounded by an efficient Sunday-school may well feel that the Lord is surely establishing the work of his hands.

Our own Church, which is known in the world by the name of the immortal Reformer, has been among the first in this land to adopt the Sunday-school. Any other course would have been unworthy of her. The Lutheran Church, from her very beginning as such, has most carefully provided for the spiritual nurture of the lambs of Christ's flock.

It would be our pleasure to discuss at length the true position which the Sunday-school should be held as occupying. We believe the time will soon come when the proper relation of the Sunday-school to the family and the Church shall be more clearly understood.

The Sunday-school should never be regarded as taking the work of parents out of their hands. Nothing can ever exonerate fathers and mothers from teaching the Lord's words diligently to their children, and of writing them upon the door-posts of their houses. It is encouraging, however, to know that those parents who most carefully and conscientiously inquire in reference to their domestic duties most gratefully look upon the Sunday-school as an important *help* in their responsible work.

Nor does the faithful pastor seek an excuse in the Sunday-school of his church for neglecting other duties towards the young of his charge. He will not voluntarily on its account suffer catechisation to fall into disuse; but will rather bless God that through the Sunday-school he has an enlarged opportunity for access to the minds and affections of the dear children and youth entrusted to his pastoral care.

Nor must it be supposed that the Sunday-school stands in the place of the Church. Evidently a serious error has been fostered in this regard. We have sometimes heard the Sunday-school spoken of as "the children's church." While we can well appreciate the warm and grateful feeling prompting such expression, we fear that it carries with it to the common mind the idea that the school is a substitute for the church. Perhaps this error may largely account for the absence of so many of the children of Christians from the public services of the sanctuary, and the seeming satisfaction with which parents neglect to train their households to appear together in the tabernacles of the Lord, where all the people are called upon to worship him.

We desire that all our people should consider that whatever official arrangement may exist in the schools distinctly belonging to congregations, it should never be so construed as to ignore the rights of the pastor. He is the pastor of the school by virtue of such relation to the church.

We would urge it upon the attention of all our church councils to make the Sunday-school a subject for their deliberations. Suitable apartments, in which to hold the schools, should be provided with as much faithfulness as proper accommodations for the general assemblies of worshippers. These rooms should be commodious, clean, airy, comfortable, and healthy—inviting places, and well adapted to the purpose.

We would urge it upon the attention of the church officers, parents, and other Christians, to countenance and encourage the schools by their frequent presence and assistance. The form contained in our Liturgy for the installation of church officers, provides that they shall see well to the interests of the congregational schools.

We would recommend that in all cases all possible order and reverence be enjoined and maintained in our schools, lest a disregard for the sacredness of the Lord's house be unconsciously fostered in the minds of those dear ones whom we seek to train for the spiritual worship of God.

We would request the pastors and teachers who purchase Sunday-school libraries to exercise the utmost care that all improper and unworthy books be excluded. This becomes the more necessary with the advance of time, as the land is now flooded with books seeking for friendly recognition by the teachers of the Church's children. Many books which now unguardedly slip into our libraries, teach not only doctrines inconsistent with our own, but which are also in other important respects unfit for use in our schools.

We would call the attention of all our schools, in all our Synods and churches, to the propriety of procuring books and Sunday-school requisites from the Lutheran Publication Society in Philadelphia, where they are now furnished at least as cheaply as anywhere else; and would urge all our schools and families to secure for their children our own beautiful LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL HERALD, the publication of which was undertaken by the Publication Society in compliance with a request of the General Synod, and which paper has now, for more than eight years, seemed indispensable to those who have taken it, as an aid in teaching the fear of the Lord and love to our Zion.

We would, while giving all praise to our young men and women who so zealously and efficiently labor in our Sunday-schools, request the officers of our churches, parents, middle-aged members, and even those in far advanced years, also to devote themselves more freely to the important and blessed work of teaching in the Sunday-schools under our care, so as to give to the schools all the weight of accumulated years, experience, intelligence and Christian grace, as well as the direct advantage of their services.

We would call the attention of all our pastors and people to the great necessity laid upon us all to labor in season and out of season for the prosperity of our Sunday-schools. Let all our own children, and the neglected, be gathered in, and everything needful be done to retain them as long as possible. Let the teachers be judiciously selected—persons who will show a good example in their lives, attend regularly and punctually to duty, and prepare themselves diligently for their work.

With these thoughts, which might be greatly extended, we submit this report to you, with the earnest request that all our people will unite with us

in more self-denial and prayer for the Sunday-school; and God will smile upon Zion and cause her to rejoice. Respectfully submitted,

M. SHEELEIGH,
S. W. HARKEY,
H. H. ROEDEL.

The report was adopted.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE FORMULA OF GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the Formula of Government and Discipline recommended for congregations by the General Synod.

Committee.—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D., Rev. E. W. Hutter, D.D., Rev. T. Stork, D.D.

ARTICLE EXPLANATORY OF DOCTRINE.

The following proposition was called up from the table, where it had been laid during the discussion of the revised Constitution, and was offered as a re-affirmation by the General Synod in relation to its doctrinal position:

To prevent all misapprehension and misrepresentation as to the doctrinal position of the Lutheran Church as represented in the General Synod, we deem it necessary to re-assert the following testimony as embodying our views on certain points which have agitated the Church:

"That this General Synod, resting on the Word of God as the sole authority in matters of Faith, on its infallible warrant rejects the Romish doctrine of the Real Presence or Transubstantiation, and with it the doctrine of Consubstantiation; rejects the Romish Mass, and all ceremonies distinctive of the Mass; denies any power to the Sacraments as an *opus operatum*, or that the blessings connected with Baptism and the Lord's Supper can be received without faith; rejects Auricular Confession and priestly Absolution; holds that there is no priesthood on earth but that of all believers, and that God only can forgive sins; and maintains the Divine obligation of the Christian Sabbath."

Adopted.

REPORT ON SEVENTH JUBILEE OF REFORMATION.

The report on the Jubilee of the Reformation, laid over from last night, was called up and discussed. Three resolutions

were offered as an amendment, more fully setting forth the occasion of the Jubilee, and the interest which the Church should feel in its observance. The amendments were adopted, and ordered to be inserted immediately after the preamble. The report was then adopted as a whole.

Your committee appointed to prepare a plan for the prosecution of the work of the Jubilee, beg leave to present the following:

WHEREAS, The Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, inaugurated by the nailing of the Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church, by Martin Luther, on the thirty-first day of October, 1517, was an event of such magnitude and of such importance to the Christian Church as to deserve perpetual commemoration; and,

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church has heretofore celebrated both Centennial and Semi-Centennial Jubilees; and,

WHEREAS, The year commencing on the 31st of October, 1867, and ending on the 31st of October, 1868, is the Seventh Semi-Centennial year since the Reformation; and,

WHEREAS, The exigencies, wants and interests of the Lutheran Church in the United States call for large donations of money to meet these exigencies, supply these wants, and advance these interests; therefore,

[*Resolved*, That the history of our beloved Church, from the time of her planting by the Reformers up to this Jubilee Year, calls loudly upon us to acknowledge with devout gratitude the Divine goodness which has been so signally displayed in her perpetuity and prosperity, the maintenance of her pure faith, the development of her distinctive life and her unexampled growth.

Resolved, That, encouraged by the past and present of her history, we look hopefully to her future triumphs, and especially rejoice in the indications that this Jubilee year is to make a new era in her spiritual life and benevolent labors.

Resolved, That we call earnestly upon all the pastors and churches in connection with this General Synod to celebrate this our Jubilee with thanksgiving to God and renewed consecration to Christ and his Church, and, as a substantial expression of their gratitude, to contribute largely of their means to the Jubilee offerings for the treasury of the Lord.]

Resolved, That the historic Church year now passing be celebrated by all the churches of the General Synod as a Jubilee unto the Lord, and that it be characterized by religious offerings, commensurate with the ability of the members of the Church and the demands made upon them as the stewards of the Lord.

Resolved, That to secure the important ends designed to be attained, we recommend the following plan, viz.:

1st. That the Secretary of the General Synod be authorized to have prepared and printed ——— cards in the following form, and that these cards be sent to each pastor connected with us in such numbers as may be ordered:

I, A. B., agree to give, as a Jubilee Offering, the following sums, as an-

nexed, for the purpose designated. (Here follows a list of all our Benevolent Societies and the names of our Institutions:

Foreign and Home Missions—General Synod Fund, District Synod Fund, Particular Missions.

Education—Parent Education Society, District Synod Fund, Individual.

Church Extension.

Publication Society.

Theological Seminaries—Hartwick, Gettysburg, Wittenberg, Selinsgrove.

Colleges—Pennsylvania, Wittenberg, Missionary Institute, Mendota.

Orphans' Home.

General Benevolence.)

2d. That this Synod recommend that the pastor of each charge in connection with the General Synod, sometime during the present Jubilee year, present to each of his congregations the special work of the several Benevolent Societies connected with the General Synod; and that after such presentation a Jubilee Offering be solicited for the support of these Societies, and for the support and endowment of the Theological and Literary Institutions of the Church; for which purpose the pastor, or one of the church council, be requested to hand to each member of the church and to such other persons as he may think willing to contribute to these objects, one of the published cards, with a request to fill the blanks with such sums as he or she may be willing to contribute, at as early a period as possible, and return the same to the pastor with his or her signature; and that the pastors be requested to collect these amounts and send them as soon as possible to the treasurers of the several Societies and Boards for which the money has been contributed.

3d. That the subscriptions be continued until the next meeting of the General Synod, and that at that meeting each Synod be requested to make a full report of all its Jubilee offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. GEIGER,
F. W. CONRAD,
J. H. W. STUCKENBERG.

A CIRCULAR TO BE SENT OUT WITH CARDS.

On motion,

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. F. W. Conrad be requested to act with the Secretary in preparing and sending to the different ministers, together with the cards, a paper indicative of the ideas to which this Jubilee celebration calls the attention of our people.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF HYMN BOOK REVISING COMMITTEE.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the travelling expenses incurred by any member of the Hymn Book Committee of Revision, in attending the meetings of the committee, be paid to them by the Treasurer of the Synod.

REQUEST TO NOTICE OUR BOOKS.

It was on motion

Resolved, That the ministers of our churches are requested to write, and have inserted in the various papers published in their localities, notices of the books published by the Lutheran Publication Society.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Pastors of the First and Second Lutheran Churches, to the members of their congregations, and other Christian friends in this city, for the generous and unsparing hospitalities extended to the members of this body and visiting brethren, during our stay in their midst. We will ever cherish a grateful remembrance of their kindness and devoutly pray that God's choicest blessings may be vouchsafed unto them.

On motion,

Resolved, That the pastors of the Harrisburg churches be instructed to present the thanks of this Synod to the officers of the Erie and Pittsburg, the Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia and Erie, the Northern Central, the Cumberland Valley, the Hanover Branch, the Lehigh Valley, the New Jersey Central, the Philadelphia and Reading, the East Pennsylvania, the Pan Handle, the Allegheny Valley, and the Schuylkill and Susquehanna railroad companies, who have favored us by granting our delegates free return tickets.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the reporters and proprietors of the *Harrisburg Telegraph* and of the *State Guard*, for the very full and correct daily report of the proceedings of this Synod presented in their respective papers.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to its officers, for the faithfulness and impartiality with which they have discharged their several duties during this convention.

MINUTES ORDERED TO BE PUBLISHED.

On motion,

Resolved, That fifteen hundred copies of the Proceedings of

this convention be published under the direction of the Secretary, and that two copies be sent to each ministerial and one to each lay delegate composing this body; also, that one copy be sent to every Lutheran minister in the United States.

Furthermore,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Synod give notice, through the LUTHERAN OBSERVER, that extra copies of the Minutes of this General Synod may be purchased, and that pastors or congregations may secure the same by sending in their orders at an early date, so that the number of copies to be published may be ascertained.

It being apparent that the business of the Synod was concluded, the proceedings of the current session were read and adopted.

A motion being made to adjourn, the Synod united in singing the 753d hymn,—

"Christians and brethren, ere we part,"—

and then accompanied Rev. Dr. W. M. Baum in fervent prayer to the Lord for his abiding blessing upon all the members and the whole Church.

The President then announced that the General Synod stood adjourned, to meet in the City of Cincinnati, at 9 o'clock, A. M., on the second Thursday of May, in the year of our Lord 1869.

MATTHIAS SHEELEIGH,
Secretary of General Synod.

GENERAL PAROCHIAL REPORT.

NAMES OF SYNODS.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Infant Baptisms.	Additions to full Membership.				Losses.			Communing Members.	Sunday-Schools.				Prayer Meetings, &c.	Contributions.					
				Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Restorations.	Deceased.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.		Lutheran.	Union.	Teachers.	Scholars.		Synodical Treas'y.	Beneficiary Edu'n	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Local Objects.	Gen. Benevolence.
1. Maryland Synod,	35	43	2,815	104	1,718	639		725	116	5	8,347	27	19	748	5,222	36	$282 75	$1,269 48	$4,593 67	$ 619 40	$49,974 76	$14,110 60
2 W. Penn'a "	50	103	2,202	515	1,841	487	59	587	289	8	12,416	42	70	1,039	6,583	99	568 30	3,066 80	2,877 90	2.474 94	54,175 79	18,531 54
3. Hartwick "	27	30	262	241	551	71		107	53		4,109	26	17	367	2,810	20	302 92	1,102 62	1,102 61	540 34	16,059 43	2,840 50
4. New York "	16	12	272	34	170	116		70	26		1,642	15		201	1,182	6	330 52	821 00	794 00	568 00	2,990 00	3,372 56
5. East Ohio "	38	68	411	389	848	440		115	252	24	3,838	32	25	532	4,060	44	321 99	884 99	1,084 47	768 07	42,111 12	5,993 75
6. Allegheny "	45	98	1,042	240	822	555	47	173	330	25	6,734	45	43	753	4,988	60	332 93	1,204 18	1,958 74	507 98	44,176 72	12,953 78
7. East Penn'a "	60	107	2,566	416	1,638	241	29	398	304	38	13,034	61	72	1,855	12,596	93	789 94	4,350 78	7,255 79	2,561 22	146,978 20	17,114 71
8. Miami "	34	40	494	149	418	221		93	74	14	3,405	36		375	2,877	28	182 05	653 53	1,018 58	532 50	23,750 50	12,125 40
9. Central Ills. "	19	19	98	38	62	63		18	11	6	963	11		124	1,052		37 55	18 87	100 50	13 00	1,800 00	190 00
10. Wittenberg "	32	47	257	451	694	359	47	73	204	21	3,678	24	30	675	5,057	37	282 54	657 10	743 43	299 02	32,627 55	4,991 40
11. Olive Branch "	13	34	312	78	150	111		75	78	4	1,551	19		182	1,394	14	227 44	236 04	340 76	84 46	8,193 98	4,564 87
12. North.Illinois"	26	37	379	87	195	308	18	44	87	4	2,105	10	24	248	1,849	22	156 46	65 68	578 46	64 55	10,789 75	1,074 88
13. Pittsburg "	11	28	115	11	58	43	6	10	9		1,756	15		191	1,529	8	59 45	102 63	134 30	25 19	9,042 75	2,042 75
14. Central Penn."	38	61	1,034	195	983	303	28	244	200	3	4,825	24	71	502	4,009	62	247 50	618 06	1,478 51	444 28	9,804 50	6,492 40
15. North'n Ind. "	30	71	394	364	588	491	86	86	175	46	3,415	55		379	3,081	41	235 26	409 97	288 64	90 42	8,094 35	542 52
16. South'n Ills. "	19	16	31	100	298						817					8	40 95					
17. Iowa "	22	29	400	44	194	192		55	35	9	1.171	12	19		1,075	14	102 67	320 00	769 15	161 32	9,875 00	1,102 58
18. Melanchthon "	18	37	693	96	553	146			63		3,755	20	29	531	3,399	34	115 00	514 47	371 97	191 84	45,134 20	2,889 00
19. New Jersey "	8	13	292	56	237	53		42	17	9	1,697	15	10	122	1,470	16	111 42	111 83	331 42	125 82	11,477 80	2,324 35
20. Franckean "	23	29	160	71	151	49		54	45		2,479	19				25					6,487 87	2,158 42
21. Susquehanna "	26	48	222	78	420	155	13	26	72		4,461	23	33	511	3,648	39	93 76	104 91	289 12	53 00	19,762 00	193 00
	590	970	14,451	3,757	12,619	5,043	333	2,295	2,440	216	86,198	531	462	9,335	66,851	709	4,821 40	16,512 94	26,112 02	10,125 35	547,306 27	115,609 01

NOTE.—The above tabular view embraces generally the reports of two years, excepting in the cases of the New York, Central Illinois, Pittsburg, and Susquehanna Synods, which are here represented by the reports of only one year.—SECRETARY.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARENT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FRIDAY, MAY 8th, 1868.

The Parent Education Society held its regular meeting during the sessions of the General Synod, at 2 o'clock, on the 8th day of May, 1868, at Harrisburg, Pa.

The President, Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D., took the chair, and prayer was offered by Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D.

By a resolution the reading of the Minutes of the last regular meeting was omitted.

Prof. M. L. Stoever stated to the Society that the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. H. L. Baugher, having departed this life before he had completed his report, no report would be presented this year. The following was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing term. The Chair appointed Rev. R. A. Fink, Rev. A. A. Trimper, and Rev. Dr. F. W. Conrad.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

M. L. Stoever's Account with the Parent Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

1866.		DR.
May 17.—Balance in Treasury, as per Report to the General Synod at Fort Wayne		$470 00
1866.		**CR.**
May 28.—Illinois University, Springfield, Ill., as per order of Society	$235 00	
May 28.—Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, as per order of Society	$235 00	$470 00

AUDITORS APPOINTED.

Mr. M. Buehler and Mr. A. C. Musselman were appointed to audit the report of the Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The auditors reported:

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Account have done so. They compared the vouchers with the disbursements, and found the report to be correct.

MARTIN BUEHLER,
A. C. MUSSELMAN.

It was

Resolved, That no anniversary meeting be held this evening, to give the Home Missionary Society an opportunity to hold their meeting, but that this Society hold one on Saturday evening.

The committee appointed to nominate officers reported the following, who were unanimously elected:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President,
S. W. HARKEY, D. D.

Vice-President,
J. J. COCHRAN, Esq.

Recording Secretary,
GEORGE DIEHL, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary,
Prof. LUTHER H. CROLL.

Treasurer,
Prof. M. L. STOEVER.

Auditor,
D. A. BUEHLER, Esq.

Executive Committee,

Rev. Prof. C. J. EHRHART, Rev. Prof. M. VALENTINE, D. D.,
" " J. H. BROWN, D.D., " " S. S. SCHMUCKER, D.D.,
" " C. A. HAY, D. D., " " V. L. CONRAD,
Rev. E. BREIDENBAUGH.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

On Saturday evening, May 9th, 1868, an anniversary meeting was held and largely attended. After devotional exercises,

several stirring addresses were delivered, and a collection taken up for beneficiary education.

GEORGE DIEHL,
Secretary of Parent Education Society.

ANNIVERSARY.

In the absence of the President of the Society, and the failure on his part to make any arrangement for the exercises of the evening, Prof. M. L. Stoever was, as the oldest member of the Executive Committee present, called to the chair, and Dr. M. Valentine was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

After singing by the choir, prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg.

ADDRESSES.

The Chairman announced that, under the peculiar circumstances of our present meeting, it would be resolved into a free colloquium on the important subject of beneficiary education, and gave an interesting account of the origin and work of this Society.

Dr. F. W. Conrad followed in an earnest address on the subject of beneficiary education.

Dr. C. A. Hay called the attention of the Society to the importance of revivals as sources of supplying young men for the ministry, and urged the duty of faithfully directing the minds of pious youths to the sacred office.

By Dr. H. Ziegler the claims of the ministry upon men of more advanced age was presented, and was followed by Rev. E. Miller on the need of more prayer to the Head of the Church for laborers in the harvest.

Addresses were also delivered by Rev. C. Martin and Rev. Prof. H. R. Geiger.

After singing, the services were concluded with the apostolic benediction.

M. VALENTINE,
Secretary pro tem.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TUESDAY, May 12th, 1868.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States assembled in the First English Lutheran Church, at Harrisburg, on the afternoon of the 12th of May, 1868.

The President of the Society, Rev. Dr. F. W. Conrad, called the meeting to order. After the singing of a missionary hymn the assembly was led in prayer by the Rev. W. N. Scholl.

A committee consisting of Dr. M. L. Stoever, Rev. Dr. H. N. Pohlman and Rev. M. Officer, was appointed to nominate officers. Their report, presented and adopted at a subsequent stage of the proceedings, is as follows:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President,
REV. DR. F. W. CONRAD.

Vice Presidents,
REV. DR. S. S. SCHMUCKER, REV. DR. J. G. MORRIS,
REV. DR. H. N. POHLMAN.

Recording Secretary,
REV. DR. C. A. HAY.

Corresponding Secretary,
REV. DR. A. C. WEDEKIND.

Treasurer,
MARTIN BUEHLER, ESQ.

Auditors

C. CARMANY, Esq., F. BYERLY, Esq.

Executive Committee.

Rev. Dr. A. C. WEDEKIND, Rev. Dr. L. E. ALBERT,
Rev. I. K. FUNK, Rev. J. R. DIMM,
Mr. GEORGE P. OCKERSHAUSEN, Dr. F. V. HEYDENREICH,

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee, through Rev. Dr. L. E. Albert, Corresponding Secretary, presented their report as follows:

Fourteenth Report of the Executive Committee of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

The Executive Committee of the Foreign Missionary Society respectfully begs leave to present the following report:

In obedience to a resolution of the Society, passed at Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Executive Committee, immediately on entering upon its duties, sought to reinforce our mission stations in India and Africa. To this end an appeal was addressed to the Church by the Rev. E. Greenwald D. D., President of the Executive Committee, which was followed by others drawn up by the Coresponding Secretary. While these appeals were not altogether useless, still they effected nothing as regards the obtainment of missionaries. But few applications were made for employment by the Society, and such were the circumstances connected with the most of these applications, that the Executive Committee felt itself unable conscientiously to grant them. As no applications, especially, were received from any in this country to re-inforce our solitary missionary in India, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to enter into a correspondence with the Rev. Mr. Grönning, in Germany, for the purpose of soliciting his aid, for the obtainment of men for our mission stations in India, from the Mission Institutes in his own country. As Bro. Grönning felt himself unable for the present, on account of ill health, to return to India, though urged by the Committee if possible to do so, he gladly offered his assistance to reinforce our mission stations in the way indicated by the Committee. After considerable effort and trouble, Bro. Grönning announced to the Committee, that he had finally secured the services of two excellent young men for our mission work, and requested the Committee to inform him what disposition should be made of them. The Committee would have had no difficulty in informing him about their disposition, had affairs remained in the Church in this country as they were when your Committee received its appointment. Then the Synod of Pennsylvania, especially, co-operated heartily with this Society in the Foreign Mission work, and sustained by its own funds a missionary in India.

Since the establishment of the "General Council," however, this Synod has withdrawn from all active co-operation with the Society. In fact every

Synod, in which the Germanic influence largely predominated, that had once co-operated with the Society pursued a similar course, leaving the Society to be sustained alone by the friends of the General Synod. These things having occurred practically about the time when Bro. Grönning's efforts to obtain missionaries were crowned with success, the Committee was compelled to inform Bro. Grönning of its unwillingness for the present, to employ these men, and the uncertainty that hung over their employment in the future.

In communicating this action of the Committee to Bro. Grönning the following language was employed. "The Committee sought to reinforce our mission stations in India, on the supposition that the *promised aid* from the Synod of Pennsylvania would be forthcoming when needed, and that her interest in German missionaries would be continued. It was this Synod that urged us, through one of her executive officers, to entreat you to seek out for us worthy young men in Germany, giving as an argument for speedy action that the Germans in this country would feel a deeper interest in the cause of missions in India if such men were obtained and recommended by you. But now this Synod is in the dark as to its future missionary operations, so that we know not what to do. As yet, we cannot tell whether it will co-operate, *in any way*, with us or not. If it will, then our path will be made plain before us: if it will not, then we fear that your anxiety on our account will all have been in vain." This action of the Committee was communicated to Bro. Grönning in the month of October, 1867. Since then, the Committee has heard nothing further, either from Bro. Grönning, or the Synod of Pennsylvania. The Committee trust that its course in regard to this matter will be sanctioned by the Society, since it took it for granted, that if the General Synod alone is to support our missions in India, then it would prefer men representing its spirit and its stand-point, and in whom the Churches of the General Synod will have confidence.

As the Pennsylvania Synod, however, still desires to continue its Foreign Mission work, but under other auspices, your Committee would suggest the offering, upon the part of this Society, of the Rajahmundry or Samulcotta Mission to that Synod. Thus these stations would be saved, and our foreign mission work carried on more effectively.

From the statements which have been made the Society will perceive that our efforts to reinforce Bro. Unangst, in India, have thus far been fruitless. No doubt, the recent division in the Church, together with the distraction necessarily attending it, has been the great cause of our failure. Still, it cannot be concealed, that independent of all this, the interest in our Foreign Mission work of late years, has been greatly on the wane. This is seen and felt everywhere. Surely, we have left our first love, and it becomes us to humble ourselves before God, quickly to repent, and to do our first works over.—As India has thus far mainly engrossed our thoughts, it may be well to continue our statements in regard to it, and lay before the Society

THE PRESENT STATE OF THE INDIA MISSION.

The Society has four mission stations in India, viz.: *Guntur, Palnaud, Rajahmundry and Samulcotta;* all of which are under the supervision of our

faithful missionary Rev. E. Unangst. Bro. Unangst is assisted in his labors by Mr. R. E. Cully, who is Head Master and Overseer at the Palnaud Station, and by native teachers, Catechists and Bible Colporteurs. The station at which Bro. Unangst resides is Guntur, which is about 115 miles from Rajahmundry, and 155 from Samulcotta. The statistics of the Guntur station are as follows:

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him the precious sheaves, already ripe for the harvest. May the Church compassionate both for him and our mission-stations, and pray and seek with all earnestness, an increase of our missionary force in India !

A few extracts from letters recently received from India may not be uninteresting, showing as they do, the spirit and the hopes of our missionary and his principal assistant. Says Bro. Unangst in a letter to us, dated Guntur, February 22d, 1868, "I have much pleasure in sending you the enclosed extracts from Mr. Cully's reports. The number of new inquirers (adults) is close on 100, representing nearly 30 families not included in my last statistical report. You will thus perceive, by comparing the figures, that we have considerably over 200 adult inquirers. If we add the number of children belonging to these persons, we have upwards of 375 candidates for the holy ordinance of baptism. This we consider a most favorable indication of the progress the good work is making here; and we feel truly thankful that the Lord is thus adding His blessing to our humble efforts to turn the heathen from their idols to serve the living and true God. We are anxiously expecting a letter from you, to announce the glad news that new missionaries are preparing to join us soon. You can hardly imagine the importance and urgent necessity of an adequate reinforcement, to occupy the vacant stations and to relieve us. The new inquirers above referred to and many others scattered over our field who are yet hesitating to declare their faith openly before the world, appeal to you for the bread of life, which, broken to them more frequently, would doubtless give more grace and consolation to the steadfast, and more courage and decision to the wavering, to take a firm stand on the Lord's side."

The extracts from Mr. Cully's report are as follows:—"You will, I am sure, rejoice to learn that the people at Garlapadu have at length come forward and openly declared their desire to embrace Christianity. Not only in their own village did they make this declaration, but they came over to Pillutla, and there, in the presence of Christian witnesses, professed their determination to join us. I am unable to express the great pleasure we all then felt, to find so many renouncing idolatry, and joining themselves to the Lord's people. We humbly and earnestly entreated our Heavenly Father, that He would look down mercifully on those that were bowing before him for the first time, and help them to believe in their hearts that Jesus Christ 'came into the world to save sinners.'"—"The number of families in all is fifteen (15), including forty-nine adults, (49), and twenty-one (21) children. The principal one among them is an old man, who though blind is still able to exercise a good degree of influence among his class. His well known integrity and his wisdom cause the others to look to him for counsel." Concerning a number of other new inquirers, Mr. Cully says:

"The Madinapadu inquirers have agreed, much more readily than those of Garlapadu, to build their own school-house. In their desire, too, to follow the truth, they may be said to be equally in earnest; and, though no teacher has been hitherto sent them, they have not only abandoned idolatry, but also, so far as they have learned, they endeavor to act as Christians in observing the Sabbath and abstaining from eating *carrion;* and attending to prayer meet-

ings, &c. There are at present about fourteen (14) families that have embraced the Christian religion at this village. If there were a school here, about twenty (20) pupils would attend."

Surely all this but deepens the conviction of the importance of redoubling our efforts to sustain our mission-work in India, and especially to send a reinforcement of missionaries to occupy the field where some who are now among the sainted dead once labored.

We come now to the consideration of

OUR MISSION FIELD IN AFRICA.

Your Committee having been informed at its first business meeting at Easton that the rapidly failing health of the Rev. J. Kistler, then your missionary in Africa, made it imperatively necessary to obtain as speedily as possible an assistant missionary, entered at once into a correspondence with the Rev. Henry Heigerd, urging him to return to the Muhlenberg Mission. After a long correspondence with Rev. Mr. Heigerd, in which he gave the Committee some legitimate expectation of becoming again your missionary, he suddenly and finally declined the appointment so urgently pressed upon him. Your Committee then addressed itself anew to the task of securing a suitable person for this Mission; and, as an inducement to enter upon the work there, signified its willingness to accept of the services of men as missionaries for the limited space of three or four years. While several applications were afterwards received, soliciting the appointment of missionary to this important field, your Committee is nevertheless constrained to report that no such appointment as yet has been successfully made. The cause of this failure may be thus briefly expressed: unwillingness upon the part of the Committee to send those who were willing to go, and unwillingness, finally, upon the part of those whom the Committee was willing to send. Our failure to secure a missionary is deeply to be regretted, especially in view of the changes that have taken place at the Mission since the last meeting of the Society. Some time in the month of September, 1866, the Mission sustained a great loss, in the death of Mrs. Kistler, the estimable and beloved wife of our missionary, the Rev. J. Kistler. This was followed soon after by the departure of the Rev. Mr. Kistler from Africa, and his return to this country in the latter part of the month of April, 1867. The return of Mr. Kistler was mainly owing to the poor condition of his health, and was sanctioned by the Committee.

Since then the Muhlenberg Mission has been practically without a *proper influential* head. The only arrangement which it was possible for the Rev. Mr. Kistler to make for its welfare, until the arrival of another missionary, was the obtainment of the services of a lay-brother at Monrovia, who promised to watch over the Mission and regulate its affairs to the best of his ability.

This gentleman, by name David Kelly, is represented by the Rev. Mr. Kistler as a most excellent and trustworthy brother. From letters recently received from him we believe that the Mission is conducted as well as it can be under the circumstances. It must, however, eventually suffer unless steps are speedily taken to have it at once supplied with an active resident missionary.

As Mr. Kelly has given much of his time and labor to the management of the affairs of the Mission, both temporal and spiritual, since the return of the Rev. Mr. Kistler to this country, it remains for the Society to determine what compensation he should receive and also whether it would not be desirable to secure, for *the time being*, his undivided attention to the interests of the Mission.

It is earnestly to be hoped that some definite plan of action will be devised by the Society in regard to the future management and support of the Muhlenburg Mission. In view of the extreme difficulty in obtaining suitable men for Africa, the inquiry is undoubtedly forced upon us, whether it can be sustained by us hereafter, and if so, whether a different course must not be followed than that which has heretofore been pursued. One plan has suggested itself to the Committee, which eventually may obviate the difficulty to which we have alluded; and that is, the bringing over to this country some of the most promising young men at our Mission in Africa, to be educated here for the missionary work in their own country. Some of these young men are extremely anxious to be qualified to become missionaries, and earnestly entreat the Committee to give them an opportunity to educate themselves *as such* in this country. Gladly will the Committee send for these young men if authorized by the Society to do so.

The Muhlenberg Mission has certainly great claims upon us for its continuance. Its foundations have been well laid. Its praise has been chanted by other churches. It has been doing a good work among the heathen. It has frequently been visited by the outpouring of the Spirit. The seed that has been sown in tears and prayers is at last yielding its fruit. Those who were once children in years have now become men and women, imbued with the Christian faith, and willing to work for Jesus. The Lord grant us wisdom, that we may act wisely and well in regard to this Mission!

EXPENDITURES.

A word now in regard to our expenditures. These, during the past two years, have been very heavy. This has not been owing to any thoughtlessness or extravagance upon the part of the Executive Committee, but from the force of circumstances. The circumstances which involved expense were mainly these: the return to this country of Mrs. Mary J. Long—the widow of our deceased and lamented missionary, Rev. Adam Long,—the liquidation of our entire indebtedness to the Rev. C. W. Grönning and the Rev. J. Kistler, and the high rates of exchange between this country and India.

Mrs. Mary J. Long and her two children arrived in this country on the 4th of May, 1867. The Committee defrayed their travelling expenses, from the time of departure from India until her arrival at her father's home in Ohio. The Committee also settled the claims which her deceased husband had against the Society, and likewise allowed her some compensation over and above what was strictly coming to her. Had our ability been in proportion to our will the amount of this compensation would have been largely increased.

Two items of business in connection with this entire matter will demand your attention. *First*, whether the outfit of a returning missionary, or mis-

sionary's wife, should be paid by the Society; and, *Secondly*, whether the Society is morally bound to make provision for the support and education of a deceased missionary's children.

Mrs. Mary J. Long desired the Committee to act affirmatively upon both of these questions; but the Committee, not being willing to assume such weighty responsibility, postponed the decision of the same to this meeting of the Society. The Committee trust that these questions will be thoroughly discussed, and that such conclusions will be reached as shall meet with God's approval and blessing, and be just to those who are particularly interested in them.

As above stated, the Committee also liquidated the entire indebtedness of the Society to the Rev. C. W. Grönning and the Rev. J. Kistler. Although these brethren are no longer in your employment, yet the former wishes to know whether his salary will not be continued for the present year; while the latter has intimated that in his present feeble condition some further provision for his support would not only be just but also very acceptable. It remains for the Society to determine what action it shall take in regard to these brethren.

When, in connection with the above facts, we take into consideration also the high rates of exchange, it can easily be seen that the expenditures incurred during the past two years must be more than ordinarily heavy. What they were will be heard when the Treasurer's Account is rendered.

CONCLUSION.

At the last meeting of the Society the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be and are hereby requested to consult with the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society with reference to the publication of a monthly pamphlet, devoted to missionary intelligence and the cause of missions in our Church.

We would only say in regard to this resolution that it was not deemed expedient by either Committee to enter upon the publication of such a journal. Having thus given, in as brief a space as possible, all the needful information in regard to our action as a Committee, together with the wants and the present condition of our Mission Stations, we close this report with the hope that our management of your affairs will meet with your approbation, and that a deeper interest will be awakened in the great work which we have been seeking to promote. The old command is still new: "Go ye and disciple *all nations*." The field is still the world. The injunction is still the same: "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." The prayer is still to be offered: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done *on earth* as it is in heaven."

Executive Committee, { LUTHER E. ALBERT, *Cor. Sec.*,
A. C. WEDEKIND,
G. P. OCKERSHAUSEN.

This report was taken up for consideration.

MONEY FOR CHINA MISSION.

In reference to the suggestion of the Committee to transfer the Rajahmundry or Samulcotta Mission to the Synod of Pennsylvania, it was stated by the Corresponding Secretary that a letter had just been received from that Synod, proposing to relinquish all claim to any of the missionary stations in India, and requesting us to transfer to them the funds that have been collected for the establishment of a mission in China. It was thereupon

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay over to the Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Synod the money paid into our treasury for the purpose of establishing a mission in China, as soon as it shall be needed for that purpose.

INDIA MISSION TO BE REINFORCED.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to reinforce the Mission in India, at the earliest moment possible.

SUPERINTENDENT OF MUHLENBERG MISSION.

Resolved, That the question as to the appointment of Mr. Kelly as temporary Superintendent of the Muhlenburg Mission be left to the decision of the Committee.

CONCERNING MRS. LONG.

Resolved, That the case of Mrs. Long be placed entirely at the discretion of the Committee.

AS TO EDUCATING AFRICANS AS MISSIONARIES.

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient to bring young natives of Africa to this country to be educated for the missionary work.

CONCERNING REV. MR. GRONNING.

Resolved, That the request of Rev. Mr. Grönning be not complied with, inasmuch as he is no longer connected in any manner with this Society, and was compensated in full for services rendered.

ON EDUCATING ALBERT BRIDGES.

The Corresponding Secretary having brought to the notice of the Society a young colored man, Albert Bridges, a native of this country, who has been living for some years in Africa,

and is now here, desiring to be educated for the missionary work in Africa, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to educate him if they deem it expedient to do so.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer presented his report, of which the following is a

RECAPITULATION.

1866.			
May 22.—Balance on hand from last report,	$3,597 32		
Received during two years,	12,278 18	—$15,875 50	
Paid out in two years,		15,509 49	
Balance in Treasury,		$366 01	

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Treasurer's Report was referred to the auditing committee, who, upon examination of the same, reported as follows:

The Committee, appointed to audit the Report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Society, respectfully report that they have examined the same and find it correct, showing a balance of three hundred and sixty-six dollars and one cent.

C. CARMANY,
HENRY GOODMAN.

The Society thereupon adjourned, after prayer by Rev. Dr. S. Sprecher.

CHARLES A. HAY,
Rec. Sec. Foreign Missionary Society.

ANNIVERSARY.

The anniversary exercises of the Society were held on the evening of Tuesday, the 12th.

After a voluntary on the organ by Prof. Wm. Knoche, the anthem,

"Daughter of Zion, awake from thy sadness,"

was sung.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D.

Appropriate addresses followed by Rev. J. Swartz; Rev. J. Kistler, returned missionary from Muhlenberg Mission, in Liberia, Africa; Rev. M. Officer, also formerly missionary at the same place, and the originator of the Mission; and others.

Contributions for the Foreign Missionary work, to a considerable amount, were received. Mrs. Susan Young, of Hanover, Pa., was made a Life Member of the Society, by her contributing twenty-five dollars.

The doxology being sung, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

FRIDAY, MAY 8th, 1868.

The Home Missionary Society of the General Synod met in the First Lutheran Church at Harrisburg, Pa., at 3 o'clock, May 8th, 1868. Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D.D., the president, occupying the chair. In the absence of Rev. J. H. Heck, Rev. W. M. Baum, D.D., was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem.* The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. H. Ziegler, D. D.

On motion, the Minutes of the last convention of the Society were omitted. The Constitution was read. The roll of the Synods co-operating with the Society was also read, and, on motion, the Synods of Iowa, Northern, Illinois, and of Central Illinois, were admitted to membership.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

TENTH REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

With devout thankfulness to the great Head of the Church, for his continued presence and manifest blessing upon their labors in his name, the Executive Committee submit respectfully the following report of their work for the past two years:

I. CHANGES IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following changes in the composition of the Executive Committee were made during the past two years.

1. Rev. H. Bishop having removed from Baltimore, Rev. C. A. Stork was appointed to fill his post in the committee, and on the 17th of July, 1866, elected Corresponding Secretary.

2. Rev. Dr. Morris having resigned his post as member of the committee,

Rev. Dr. McCron was chosen in his place, and on the 1st of April, 1867, appointed Chairman of the Committee.

3. On February 10th, 1868, the peculiar work for which Rev. M. Officer had been appointed, viz., the exploring of mission fields, securing missionaries, and obtaining the active co-operation of the Synods, being, in his own judgment and that of the Committee, for the time completed, his resignation was tendered and accepted, and his appointment made out as missionary to Van Wert, Ohio.

II. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

From the necessities of the Church, a two-fold work has been imposed upon the Committee, viz.: 1. The founding of missions; and, 2. The completing and sustaining of the organization of the Society itself as a basis from which to work. Accordingly the Committee and their agent, the General Superintendent, have been engaged in exploring the field, securing and sustaining competent missionaries, and at the same time persuading the several Synods to co-operate, securing their pledges and actual assumption of the several fields as they have been explored, and as a missionary has been secured, and the nucleus of a church organization been gathered. In this work the General Superintendent, Rev. M. Officer, has been eminently diligent and successful. He has explored the field in person, selected the sites of the various missions, secured the missionaries, in many cases effected in person the first organizations, and visited and secured the pledges of the various District Synods to the several fields. The work of the Committee, in conjunction with their faithful Superintendent, has been almost entirely merely advisory.

As the fruits of these labors and plans, the Committee would report the following results:

1. *Synods in co-operation with the Society.*

The following Synods have been in active co-operation with the Society during the past two years, viz.: Synod of Maryland, West Pennsylvania, East Pennsylvania, Miami, East Ohio, Wittenberg, O., Olive Branch, Ind., Pittsburg, Central Pennsylvania, Northern Indiana, New Jersey, New York Synod, Susquehanna. The Iowa Synod, Synod of Northern Illinois, and Central Illinois, propose connection, though they have not as yet been in active co-operation. There are, then, sixteen of the twenty-one Synods which are in connection with the General Synod, now connected with the Home Missionary Society of the General Synod.

The majority of these the General Superintendent visited, and induced to become responsible for the support of particular mission fields, thus giving a new reliability to the operation of the Society, and not leaving our Missions and Missionaries dependent on the uncertain contributions of a tardy church at large.

2. *Amount of Funds received for the past two years to date:*

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4. *Statistics of Churches receiving Missionary aid.*

Number received by Baptism and Confirmation, 207. Number received by Certificate, 251. Number of Communicants, 1,579. Sunday-schools, 24. Sunday-school scholars, 2,035. Number of churches built, 2. The church at Des Moines is building now. The Church at Wheeling has purchased a lot, and proposes soon to build. At Lawrence, Kansas, a church lot has been bought and paid for. At Van Wert, $4,000 have been raised by the exertion of Rev. M. Officer, the Missionary there, to build a church. The Church at Mt. Vernon, O., has paid $1,800 on a lot and church building, and has the rest provided for. At Bardstown, Ky., the Church has purchased a parsonage.

These figures, however, do by no means express the progress made in the Home Mission work, and in the furtherance of Lutheranism by the labors of the past two years. In that time the great States of Missouri and Kansas, teeming with a population of Lutheran descent and attachments, has been opened up to the Society, and fine points of central and growing influence secured. St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka, Tipton, and Lawrence, are missions of no ordinary interest. The work at St. Louis, Kansas City, and Topeka, already is fairly progressing. Nor are these places important simply in view of their own strength. They must become centres from which influences will radiate to all the rest of the State. They promise to become mother churches to a large and wide-spread Lutheranism through the valley of the Mission.

III. NEEDS OF THE SOCIETY.

In addition to the support necessary to sustain and fully establish speedily these important posts, the Committee would present the following urgent cases:

Lawrence, Kansas, a growing and flourishing city now supplied with occasional preaching by the Missionary at Topeka, demands a Missionary to itself. It is useless, however, to send a man there, however well supported, unless aid is also furnished for the erection of some sort of church edifice.

Atchison, Ks., also needs a man. At Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa, there is urgent necessity that a Missionary be immediately sent. Support for a travelling Missionary, for at least six months in the year, within the bounds of the Pittsburg Synod, is earnestly desired. These wants are immediate, and growing directly out of the limited scale on which the Society is now working. They are wants within the small field that the Committee have felt authorized to occupy. If we look beyond the scope of our present operations, and propose to undertake the large fields in Iowa, Illinois, and among the great German population within the bounds of the General Synod, then our needs are multiplied tenfold. It is useless, however, to look abroad for other fields, unless the Church is aroused to a much deeper sense of her responsibility in this matter of Home Missions. It has been only by the most strenuous toil on the part of the General Superintendent, as he has journeyed from Synod to Synod, that pledges sufficient have been secured to plant on a feeble basis, and meagerly sustain, the above-mentioned important missions in Missouri. Even now they are but feebly equipped for efficient service. The

Church at Tipton should have a church building. The Church at St. Louis should be aided in securing a church edifice. In Lawrence, Atchison, Topeka, and Kansas city, our scanty means have crippled us. The Committee might enlarge on the difficulty of finding suitable men to enter the missionary field, the narrowness of their means, the sad need of greater efficiency on the part of the Church Extension Society, a great part of whose work has fallen heavily on the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society, but they forbear. These wants are all known to the Church. They only urge on the District Synods and the individual ministers the necessity of a more hearty, continuous, and systematic effort to raise the means necessary to plant all our missions on a firm basis, and to supply the pressing need of the many places that call to us for help.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Committee recommend:

1. That some plan be adopted by which, when a missionary is sent out to these new and important fields, he can be immediately aided in procuring a lot, and, if need be, in erecting a place of worship. The Committee has learned by sad experience that nothing of worth can be done in these great centres of the West till a decent church house has been secured. A great part of their labor and perplexity has been to make provision for such wants. It is true this work properly belongs to the Church Extension Society, but the Committee has been compelled to enter into it. They ought to be authorized to do it fully and systematically, or such steps taken as shall make the Church Extension Society a reliable auxiliary in the Home Mission work.

2. That the Executive Committee be removed from Baltimore to some point west of the Alleghanies.

JOHN McCRON, *Chairman Ex. Com.*,
C. A. STORK, *Cor. Secretary*,
G. H. BRANDAU,
T. N. KURTZ,
P. KEPHART.

On motion, the report was received, and the recommendations considered *seriatim*.

The first recommendation was read, and on motion was adopted. The second recommendation was read, but was not concurred in.

On motion, the locality of the Executive Committee was removed from Baltimore, Md., to York, Pa.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole.

LIST OF LIFE MEMBERS.

The following list of Life Members was then read:

List of Life Members of Home Missionary Society, made by contribution of Twenty-five Dollars.

1. Rev. J. A. Kunkelman,.... ..... by John Ohr, Esq.
2. Gen. U. S. Grant,..... ..... by Rev. A. Wieting.
3. Mrs. Kunkelman,..... by Rev. Thomas H. Lane.

4. Sec. H. McCulloch,..... by Dr. E. Greenwald and others.
5. Rev. H. W. Kuhns,..... by Dr. L. Sternberg and others.
6. Rev. J. G. Butler,..... by Rev. P. Raby and others.
7. Rev. H. Wells,..... ..... by Rev. A. H. Myers and others.
8. Gen. O. Howard,..... by Rev H. S. Boer.
9. Rev. J. F. Stelling,..... by A. Hummel, Esq.
10. Mrs. Elmira Baltzly,..... by Thomas Walters.
11. George Slear,..... by Dreisbach's Ch., Union Co., Pa.
12. Miss Christie Amanda Harter,..... by Isaac Harter.
13. Mrs. Susan Gotwald..... by Aaronsburg Church, Pa.
14. John W. Shutter,..... by Wrightsville Church, Pa.
15. Mrs. Lottie H. Hough,..... by Plymouth Charge, Ohio.
16. Rev. Adam Helwig,..... by Plain Church, Ohio.
17. George Baker,..... by Centreville Church, Pa.
18. Mrs. Krape,..... ..... by David Krape
19. John App,..... by Eng. Luth. Ch., Selinsgrove, Pa.
20. A. Erkenbrecher,..... by himself.
21. Rev. Geo. B. Ort,..... by Croft's Church, Ohio.
22. Mrs. Catharine Ort, ... by " " "
23. Mrs. Catharine Rockey,..... by Charles Rockey.
24. David Reitzel,.....
25. Edward G. Smyser,..... by 1st Eng. Lu. Ch. S. S., York, Pa.
26. Mrs. Rebecca Eyster,..... by S.S. of Christ Ch., Gettysb'g, Pa.
27. Mrs. John Croll,..... by S. S. of Eng. Luth. Ch., Middletown, Pa.
28. Mrs. Phœbe Jane Goodlin,..... by S. S. of Eng. Lu. Ch., Canton, O.
29. Mrs. Effie J. Wiler,..... ..... by St. John's Ch., Richland Co., O.
30. J. Henry Kurtz,..... by S. S. of Evg. Luth. Ch., Pottsville, Pa.
31. Rev. Matthias H. Richards,..... by Mr. Huntzinger.
32. J. Nagle,..... by " "
33. Rev. Uriel Graves,..... by Charles Lord and others.
34. Miss Mary Butler,..... by S. S. of St. Paul's Eng. Luth. Church, Washington, D. C.
35 Rev. Jacob Post,..... ..... by H. Staats.
36. Rev. Geo. B. Miller, D.D.,..... by Rev. Wm. Scholl and others.
37. Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D.,..... .. by Rev. A. C. Wedekind and others.
38. Mrs. Martha M. Barclay,..... by Robert Hendricks and others.
39. Rev. Joseph H. Barclay,..... by Carl Hine and others.
40. Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D.D..... by Geo. P. Ockershausen.
41. Rev. Geo. F. Ehrenfeld,..... by Members of Pittsburg Synod.
42. Rev. J. W. Schwartz,..... by Worthington Church, Pa.
43. Miss Kate Schwartz,..... by Peter Graff.
44. Miss Esther J. McClelland,..... by " "
45. Miss Sarah E. Morrison,..... by " "
46. E. C. Bender,..... by 1st Luth. S. S., York, Pa.
47. Rev. J. H. Brown,..... by S. S., Luth. Ch., Bucyrus, Ohio.
48. Miss Emma M. King,..... by Peter Graff.

49. Rev. G. W. Hemperly,..... by Susquehanna Synod.
50. H. Raup,..... by S. S. of St. James' Luth. Ch., Turbutsville, Pa.
51. Mrs. Margaret Wampoll,..... by Zion Lu. Ch., Turbutsville, Pa.
52. Mrs. Ella Wolf,..... by St. James' Lu. Ch., " "
53. Rev. A. Essick,..... by Luth. Ch., New Franklin, O.
54. Wm. Snyder,..... by S. S. Trinity Luth. Ch., Northampton Co., Pa.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer presented his Report, which, on motion, was referred to an auditing committee, consisting of G. R. Messersmith and E. G. Smyser.

SUMMARY OF REPORT.

BALTIMORE, May, 1868.

To the President and others of the Lutheran Home Missionary Society of the General Synod:

I hereby respectfully submit my Report, as Treasurer of your Society from May, 1866, to May 7th, 1868.

During that period, received through Rev. M. Officer, General Superintendent of Society,..... $5,557.08
From Church direct,..... 2,700.60
From former Treasurer, G. W. Leisenring,..... 2,714.60
$10,972.87
All Expenditures during same period..... 10,042.78

Balance in Treasury,..... $929.59

Of the above receipts Synods contributed as follows:

Synods in Pennsylvania,.....	$1,510.61
" in Ohio,.....	1,883.27
" in Maryland,.....	724.08
" in Indiana,.....	498.00
" in New York,.....	150.00
	$4,765.96

PETER KEPHART,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to examine the account of Peter Kephart, Esq., Treasurer of the Home Missionary Society, report that they have attended to the duty, and find the account correct, leaving balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $929.59.

G. R. MESSERSMITH,
E. G. SMYSER.

May 9, 1868.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

A Committee, consisting of Rev. G. Diehl, D.D., Rev. M. Officer, Rev. J. A. Brown, D.D., I. V. Hoshour, and A. Gebhart, was appointed to nominate officers. The following nominations were presented and confirmed:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President,
Rev. S. S. SCHMUCKER, D.D.

Vice-Presidents,

Rev. S. W. HARKEY, D.D.,
Rev. C. A. HAY, D.D.,
Rev. S. SPRECHER, D.D.,
Hon. C. KUGLER,
A. GEBHART, Esq.,
H. SAXTON, Esq.

Recording Secretary,
Rev. J. W. GOODLIN.

Corresponding Secretary,
Rev. W. M. BAUM, D.D.,

Treasurer,
E. G. SMYSER, Esq.

Executive Committee,

Rev. A. H. LOCHMAN
Rev. W. M. BAUM, D.D.,
Rev. A. W. LILLY,
Rev. J. H. MENGES,
E. G. SMYSER, Esq.,
D. KRABER, Esq.

A GENERAL AGENT NEEDED.

On motion, it was

Resolved, As the sense of this Society, that a General Agent was absolutely essential to the efficiency and success of our Home Missionary operations.

After remarks of a general character concerning the work, the Society adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. T. T. Titus.

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.

The Anniversary of the Society was held in the evening. The exercises were opened by reading the Scriptures, singing, and the offering of a prayer by Rev. S. Sprecher, D.D.

ADDRESSES.

Appropriate addresses were made by Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D., Rev. A. M. Geiger, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, and Rev. M. Officer.

After the addresses, efforts were made to secure funds for the Society. These resulted in the following persons being made Life Members by the payment of the required sum of $25: Mrs. A. M. Philson, by Samuel Philson; Mrs. Mary E. German, by Alex. Gebhart; Rev. Geo. W. Hemperly, by the Susquehanna Synod; J. J. Culler, M. D., by the Sunday School of Jefferson Church, Md.; Mrs. Cassandra Kepner, by Isaac Loucks; Rev. M. Officer, by Rev. A. M. Geiger and others; Mrs. Margaret Cameron, by Rev. C. A. Hay, D.D.; Mrs. Rebecca Hay, by Mrs. Margaret Cameron; Mrs. C. J. Stelling, by Sunday School of Zion Church, Harrisburg, Pa.; Mrs. A. R. Howbert, by Rev. A. R. Howbert; Gov. John W. Geary and his wife, by Henry Goodman; Hon. Simon Cameron, by A. F. Ockershausen; Valentine Hummel, by James W. Weir; Mrs. M. Snyder, by J. H. Snyder; Rev. S. B. Barnitz, by friends; Rev. W. M. Baum, D.D., by Col. J. P. Brua; Mrs. Susan Young, by herself; Mrs. M. L. Baum, by Rev. W. M. Baum, D.D.; Rev. A. H. Lochman, D.D., by E. G. Smyser; Rev. G. F. Stelling, by J. R. Eby; Mrs. Jacob Buehler, by M. Buehler; J. C. Koller, by J. V. Hoshour; Rev. Prof. Augustus Tholuck, D.D., and wife, of the University of Halle, and Rev. Prof. Beck, D.D., of the University of Tübingen, by Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, A. Gebhart, J. R. Eby, and others; Mrs. Susan Loucks, by Isaac Loucks.

J. W. GOODLIN,

Rec. Sec. Home Missionary Society.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

WEDNESDAY, May 13th, 1868.

The Society met this morning upon the suspension of the business of the General Synod. The President being absent, on motion Rev. Dr. Pohlman, President of the General Synod, was called to the chair.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. E. W. Hutter, D.D., read the following report:

The Executive Committee of the Church Extension Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, begs leave respectfully to report:

That, for reasons upon which it is not necessary to enlarge, comparatively little has been done by the Executive Committee since the meeting held two years ago at Fort Wayne. Having no Collecting Agent in the field, and no steps having been taken otherwise to increase the fund, our operations since then have necessarily been restricted to the funds then in the Treasury. There have been received, however, $379.57 in the form of interest due on outstanding obligations, and $170 in payment of notes that have come to maturity. Loans have been made during the interval, amounting in the aggregate to $2800. The expenses during the two years have amounted to $18.50. From the Report of the Treasurer, it will be seen, that the assets of the Society, constituting the basis of its operations, amount to $12,361.27, viz.:

Notes due and unpaid, ...	$6,162 00
Notes not yet due, ...	4,270 00
Cash on hand, ...	1,929 27
	$12,361 27

Notwithstanding all difficulties, the Church Extension Society has accomplished a large amount of good in our Lutheran Zion. Forty-six churches

have received pecuniary aid, a number of which, it is fair to presume, would not have been built had they not been assisted from its funds.

As four of the seven members of the Executive Committee, including the Treasurer, belong to churches no longer in connection with the General Synod, the Committee will require to be *reconstructed*. It is due, indeed, to these last-named brethren to state that, whilst they have not sent in any formal declination, they do not expect nor desire to be re-appointed.

Your Corresponding Secretary also requests to be relieved of a further continuance in this post. Ever since the Society's organization he has served in this capacity. Being greatly over-taxed by the labors and duties devolved on him, he finds it impossible to bestow on the interests of this Society that care, supervision, and attention which their importance and their arduous character require. To continue them in his hands, even with the best intentions on his part, they must inevitably suffer. The Society, as you have heard, has a basis of more than twelve thousand dollars. With a Corresponding Secretary less encumbered than the present with other duties, without doubt a large proportion of the outstanding dues can be collected, and the fund largely increased by additional collections. As the labors of such a Corresponding Secretary, however, will prove exceedingly burdensome, they should not be asked gratuitously. If he be a poor man, especially a poor minister, he should receive some compensation for his work. Other denominations appoint to this office, at adequate salaries, persons who devote their entire time and talents, thus making Church Extension a specialty in the church; and to this fact, no doubt, may be attributed their greater success. If the Society shall conclude to make Philadelphia the continued centre of operations, the undersigned thinks he can name a gentleman, to fill the office of Corresponding Secretary, eminently qualified to prosecute its affairs vigorously and successfully.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, however, it was suggested that the removal of the Society to some one of our Western towns or cities might be advisable, and the Corresponding Secretary was requested to offer this as a proposition to the Society, which he accordingly does. The Society will judge of its propriety and feasibility. Under the blessed stimulus given to all the operations of the Church by this most spirited, harmonious, and delightful session of our General Synod, and the prospect of an equally gratifying and successful meeting, a year hence, at Cincinnati, not overlooking at any time, of course, our constant reliance on the Divine favor, the Church Extension Society may yet realize the expectations of its founders, and prove a substantial blessing to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. HUTTER,
Corresponding Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 10, 1868.

TRANSFER OF SOCIETY TO DAYTON.

It was moved and—

Resolved, That the seat of operations of the Society be transferred from Philadelphia to Dayton, Ohio.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. J. Swartz, Rev. Dr. S. W. Harkey, A. Gebhart, Rev. M. Officer and Rev. J. B. Helwig were appointed a committee to nominate officers.

COLLECTIONS TO BE URGED.

On motion,

Resolved, That our Synods be requested to continue to take collections in behalf of the Church Extension Society, and urge its importance on the people.

ON COMPENSATING CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the question of compensation of the Corresponding Secretary be referred to the Executive Committee.

CASE OF CHURCH AT MENDOTA.

On motion,

Resolved, That the case of the church at Mendota be referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The Treasurer read his report, which was given into the hands of an auditing committee, consisting of Messrs. A. Gebhart and E. G. Smyser.

REPORT.

WM. M. HEYL, TREASURER, *in account with the Church Extension Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.*

1866.					DR.
May 12.	To Balance				$4198 20
31.	" Cash—Interest and prem. on $500. U. S. 7-30 sold				24 85
July 8.	" do	do	do		28 90
Aug. 13.	" do	Received from Emmanuel Church, Trevorton,			70 00
	" do	do	Interest on City Loan,		6 00
Sept. 8.	" do	do	Interest on 10-40 U. S. Bonds..		91 42
1867.					
Jan. 8.	" do	do	Interest on City Loan		6 00
Mar. 2.	" do	do	Interest on 10-40 U. S. Bonds...		69 38
	" do	do	Interest to Nov. 30, on deposit in Penn'a Life Insur'e Trust Co		16 70
Sept. 5.	" do	do	Interest on 10-40 U. S. Bonds..		63 25
1868.					
Mar. 17.	" do	do	of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Paris, Ohio		100 00

Mar. 17.	To Cash received from Interest on 10-40 U. S. Bonds..		53 53
21.	" do do Interest to Nov. 30, on deposits in Pennsylvania Life Insurance and Trust Co.		14 62
May 1.	" do do Interest to date on ditto.		4 92
			$4747 77
1866.		Cr.	
May 31.	By an order drawn in favor of the First English Lutheran Church Mount Vernon, Ohio	$500 00	
Nov. 16.	" Rev. E. W. Hutter, Stamps, &c.	10 00	
30.	" an order drawn in favor of the Ev. Lutheran Church, Butler, DeKalb Co., Ind.	500 00	
Dec. 1.	" Cash paid for printing circulars	8 50	
1867.			
Aug. 2.	" an order drawn in favor of the Ev. Lutheran Church, Monroeville, Ind.	500 00	
Oct. 7.	" an order drawn in favor of the Eng. Ev. Lutheran Church, Kickapoo, Ill.	300 00	
1868.			
Jan. 15.	" an order drawn in favor of the Eng. Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo.	500 00	
Feb. 17.	" an order drawn in favor of the 1st Ev. Lutheran Church, Nebraska City, Na.	500 00—	2818 50
	Balance on hand		$1929 27

NOTES ON HAND.	DUE.	NOT DUE.
Zion Church, St. Paris, Ohio	$100 00	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Logan	400 00	
St. John's Church, New Castle, Ind.	400 00	
German Lutheran Church, Quihi, Texas	200 00	
German Lutheran Church, Castroville, Texas	300 00	
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbus, Texas	100 00	
First English Lutheran Church, Mendota, Ill.	300 00	
Amity Lutheran Church, Lena, Ill.	300 00	
St. John's Church, Benton Township, Hocking Co., Ohio	100 00	
German Evang. Lutheran Church, Watertown, Wis..	167 00	
First Evang. Lutheran Church, Knoxville, Iowa	400 00	
English Evang. Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa.	500 00	
Zion Evang. Lutheran Church, Lykenstown, Pa.	500 00	
First Evang. Lutheran Church, Mt. Carroll, Ill.	300 00	
Christ Church, Quakertown, Pa.	500 00	
German Evang. Lutheran Church, Camden, N. J.	500 00	

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Trevorton, Pa.....	$140 00	
German Evang. Lutheran Church, Farmington, Iowa	75 00	
Samuel's Lutheran Church, Perry Co., Pa.....	280 00	$ 70 00
Evangelical Lutheran Church, West Liberty, Ohio...	100 00	400 00
St. Stephen's Ev. Luth. Church, West Philada., Pa..		500 00
First Evang. Lutheran Church, Canton, Ill.....		500 00
First Eng. Ev. Luth. Church, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.....		500 00
Evang. Lutheran Church, Butler, DeKalb Co., Ind...		500 00
Evang. Luth. Church, Monroeville, Allen Co., Ind...		500 00
English Evang. Lutheran Church, Kickapoo, Ill.....		300 00
English Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo.....		500 00
First Evang. Luth. Church, Nebraska City, Neb.....		500 00
A mortgage of the Eng. Evang. Luth. Church East Germantown, for $598.90, for a Loan of.....	500 00	
	$6162 00	$4270 00

Being no longer Synodically connected with the General Synod, the Society will please authorize the auditing committee that may be appointed, to receive the money and securities that I now hold, and receipt for the same.

Very respectfully,

WM. M. HEYL.

May 5th, 1868.

We have examined the above account and find it correct.

E. G. SMYSER,
A. GEBHART.

May 13th, 1868.

The nominating committee reported the following named persons, who were then elected by the Society:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President,
REV. PROF. H. R. GEIGER.

Recording Secretary,
REV. LUTHER A. GOTWALD.

Corresponding Secretary,
REV. J. B. HELWIG.

Treasurer,
JOSIAH GEBHART, ESQ.

Executive Committee,
MR. SIMON GEBHART, MR. B. N. BEAVER,
MR. JACOB LENTZ, MR. P. A. SCHINDLER,
MR. ADAM EPLY.

The Society adjourned to meet in Cincinnati, at the time of the next meeting of the General Synod.

T. T. TITUS,
Rec. Sec. of Church Extension Society.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY, MAY 11th, 1868.

According to previous announcement, this Society met in the First Lutheran Church of Harrisburg, Pa., May 11, 1868, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The President of the Society, Hon. C. Kugler, called the meeting to order.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. T. Stork, D.D.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the previous regular meeting was dispensed with.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, Rev. E. W. Hutter, D.D., read the biennial report, which was adopted.

INITIATORY ACTION OF A MARYLAND CONFERENCE.

Although a Publication Society had long been an admitted necessity in the Lutheran Church of this country, the first *formal* step towards its organization was reserved for the Conference of Western Maryland, in connection with the Maryland Synod. The precise date of this action we have not been able to discover, but it appears that a *Plan* was submitted to that Conference, and that some progress was made in maturing it. This must have been during the year 1852 or 1853.

SECONDED BY THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE.

The next step in this direction was made by the Susquehanna Conference, then in connection with the East Pennsylvania Synod. This meeting was held at Danville, November 22, 1853, when a preamble and resolutions were adopted to the effect that the gradual *Americanization* of the Lutheran Church in this country, and the consequent rapid spread of the English language, rendered such a Society an absolute necessity. Among the reasons offered,

for its formation, it was stated that other denominations were appropriating and mutilating the theological literature of our church. It was, therefore, resolved to agitate the organization of a "Church Translation and Publication Society," with a view of having the best Lutheran works furnished to the Church in English, translated by *its own* members. A correspondence was at the same time opened with members of the Western Maryland Conference.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE AGAIN URGES IT.

The next movement was again made by the Susquehanna Conference, which, at a meeting, held January 10, 1854, at Sunbury, took the following action:

"*Resolved*, That a Society be organized, to be called '*The Lutheran Translation and Publication Society*,' the object of which shall be to have translated and published, in complete editions, in the English language, orthodox Lutheran Theological works, such as Arndt's '*True Christianity*,' Luther's works, a good Lutheran Commentary, and other works in Practical and Dogmatical Theology, Church History," &c.

At this meeting a *systematized* plan was agreed on, and enbodied in a series of resolutions, twelve in number.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE URGES A CONVENTION.

At the next meeting of the Susquehanna Conference, held at Lewisburg, February 27, 1854, the subject was again brought forward, when Rev. Messrs. Ziegler, Willard, and Born, having been appointed a Committee for that purpose, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

"A PUBLICATION SOCIETY, such as is contemplated by the action of this Conference, is loudly called for by the interests of the Lutheran Church of the United States. We know, however, that such an undertaking will require a considerable expenditure of funds, and that it would be desirable and necessary to secure the co-operation of all the members of the Lutheran Church friendly to such an organization. They, therefore, regard the calling of *a Convention* as the *only* plan to insure success to the enterprise."

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE MEMORIALIZES THE CHURCH.

The next meeting of the Susquehanna Conference was held at Milton, April 11, 1854, when the necessity of a Publication Society was again urged, and Rev. Messrs. Bittle, Winecoff, and Ehrehart, were appointed a Committee to memorialize the Church in regard to it, with the view of bringing the subject before Synods and congregations.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE URGES IT A FIFTH TIME.

At the next meeting of the Conference, held at Selinsgrove, June 6, 1854, the above Committee reported that they had issued and circulated such a memorial at the expense of the Conference.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE URGES IT A SIXTH TIME.

On the 6th of November, 1854, the Susquehanna Conference, notwith-

standing the disheartening tardiness of the Church, in responding to their action, again took the subject in hand, and once more urged the calling of a Convention, to digest and perfect a plan of organization.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE BRINGS IT BEFORE THE EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

Thus far, we perceive, this subject has been confined to two Conferences. On the 23d of September, 1854, the East Pennsylvania Synod met in Christ Church, Lewisburg, when the brethren belonging to the Susquehanna Conference formally brought the same before Synod.

THE EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD CALLS A CONVENTION.

The subject was referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. G. Parson, Rev. D. H. Bittle, and W. W. Heinen, Esq., who reported as follows:

"The Committee appointed to report upon the plan submitted to this body, from the Susquehanna Conference, in regard to a Translation and Publication Society, beg leave to report:

I. *Resolved*, That we highly approve of the idea of circulating our German Evangelical and Practical Theological Literature as extensively as possible.

II. *Resolved*, That we consider some organization necessary and feasible, by which the mind of the churches can be more especially awakened on this subject.

III. *Resolved*, That this Synod call a Convention of the Church, and that a Committee, consisting of five members, be appointed to select a place and time of meeting, and make all other necessary arrangements."

Rev. D. H. Bittle, Rev. T. Stork, Rev. C. A. Smith, Rev. E. W. Hutter, and Rev. L. E. Albert, were appointed the Committee, provided for by the last resolution.

A CONVENTION HELD AT GERMANTOWN—SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

In pursuance of this action of the East Pennsylvania Synod, a Convention was called and held in the Church of Rev. L. E. Albert, at Germantown, on Tuesday, May 1, 1855. We have before us the official Minutes of that Convention, in which it is explicitly declared that it was convened at the instance of the *East Pennsylvania Synod*, on the suggestion of the *Susquehanna Conference*. It is, nevertheless, due to history to state, that other Synods were also represented. A majority of those present belonged to the Pennsylvania and East Pennsylvania Synods, the latter predominating. Rev. Benjamin Keller officiated as President, and the writer of this report as Secretary. At this Convention the *present* Lutheran Publication Society was *formally* organized, a Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and the necessary machinery set in motion. Then and there it was likewise,

"*Resolved*, That the delegates to the *General Synod*, present in this Convention, be authorized and requested to report these proceedings to that body, and request its concurrence and co-operation in the same."

BROUGHT BEFORE THE GENERAL SYNOD.

This request was complied with at the meeting of the General Synod, held at Dayton, Ohio, June 14, 1855; the action of the General Synod, at that meeting, being as follows:

"*Resolved*, That, whilst we *decidedly approve* of the general objects of the '*Lutheran Publication and Translation Society*,' recently organized in Philadelphia, Pa., this Synod feels itself unable to take any action in its favor, which may be construed as an endorsement of its intended publications, until the Constitution of the Society be so altered as to allow an official representation in its Executive Committee, on the part of this Synod."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED.

The Executive Committee of the Society, chosen by ballot, by the Convention at Germantown, composed of Revs. J. C. Baker, J. A. Brown, C. A. Smith, C. W. Schaeffer, E. W. Hutter, C. F. Schaeffer, W. J. Mann, T. Stork, and J. G. Morris, or at least a majority of them, held regular meetings, for some time afterwards, in the study of St. Matthew's Church, but subsequently their place of meeting was changed to a room over the book establishment of Messrs. Lindsay & Blakiston, Sixth Street, above Chestnut, Philadelphia.

LUTHERAN HOME JOURNAL STARTED.

Being without funds, the progress of the Board in the work committed to it was necessarily slow. Nevertheless, at an early period of its organization, it began the publication of the "*Lutheran Home Journal*," which proved to it a *losing* business—from no fault of the Board, however, but owing to the insufficiency of the patronage bestowed on it by the Church at large.

A GENERAL AGENT SECURED.

It was not until the month of February, 1857, nearly *two years* after the Convention held at Germantown, that the Board succeeded in securing the service of a General and Collecting Agent, and thus inaugurated means of supplying itself with funds. After the appointment had been offered to, and declined by, several brethren, the Rev. BENJAMIN KELLER, after much hesitation and prayerful deliberation, acceded to the earnest entreaties of the Board, resigned the pastorship of St. James' German Church in Philadelphia, and accepted the General Agency. The zeal and assiduity of Rev. Mr. Keller in prosecuting his work are too widely known, and too universally acknowledged, to require commendation here. In season and out of season, in sunshine and in storm, did this venerated father devote himself, with untiring self-abnegation, to the difficult task assigned him, so that it is scarcely exaggeration to affirm, that in the service of the Board he literally wore out the strength and substance of the last years of his life on earth.

DR. MANN PREPARES A DOCTRINAL BASIS.

At the first meeting of the Board, after the acceptance by Father Keller of his appointment as General Agent, viz.: February 10, 1857, Rev. W. J. Mann, D.D., moved "That the *Board do now define its position in regard to its doctrinal Basis*." After full discussion, the following preamble and resolutions, proposed by that gentleman, were adopted. They are on the minutes in Dr. Mann's own hand-writing, and are in the following words:

"*Whereas* the Lutheran Board of Publication has secured the services of

the Rev. Benjamin Keller as General Agent, and desires to commend him and the interests of our Board to the whole Church: And,

Whereas, We, the members of the Board, deem it right to make, on this occasion, our position known to the Church. Therefore

Resolved, THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE GOSPEL IS CORRECTLY SET FORTH IN THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION.

Resolved, That we call upon *all* the members of the Lutheran Church to sustain us in this OUR STAND-POINT, and to co-operate with us, more efficiently to carry out our plans for future usefulness."

REV. MR. KELLER URGES UNION WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD.

At this same meeting, following in immediate continuity, Rev. B. Keller, having just accepted the General Agency, himself brought before the Board the subject of so altering the Constitution of the Society, as was required by the General Synod at Dayton, and of renewing the application for bringing the same into connection with the General Synod. A promise was hereupon given the General Agent, that both these requests should be attended to, at the then forthcoming meeting of the General Synod to be held at Reading.

It is, of course, needless to state, that the object sought to be attained, by these several acts on the part of the Board, was, to secure Mr. Keller free access to the Synods and Churches in connection with the General Synod, without whose co-operation it was seen his Agency must inevitably prove a failure. This object, indeed, is explicitly stated in the resolutions accompanying the Doctrinal Basis, prepared by Dr. Mann.

UNION WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD AGAIN URGED.

On the 28th of April, 1857, less than one month before the meeting of the General Synod at Reading, L. L. Houpt, Esq., then an active member of the Board, renewed the subject of seeking a connection with the General Synod, and offered resolutions to that effect.

UNION URGED AT READING.

The next Convention of the General Synod, viz.: the XVIIIth, was held at Reading, Pa., from May 14th to May 20th, 1857. The Publication Society held its annual meeting in the lecture-room of St. James' Church. Then and there the Board submitted a new Constitution, the IId Article of which adopts the *Doctrinal Basis of the General Synod.* The public exercises concluded, and the Society resuming business, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"*Whereas*, The General Synod, at its last session, held in Dayton, Ohio, expressed its *approbation* of the general objects of the Lutheran Publication Society, then recently established in Philadelphia, and intimated its willingness to give its official sanction to said Society, so soon as its Constitution was so altered as to allow a representation on the part of the General Synod in its Executive Committee. Therefore,

"*Resolved, That the Lutheran Publication Society is desirous of receiving the endorsement of the General Synod, in order that its efforts may be rendered more effective, and the co-operation of the whole Church secured.*

"*Resolved*, That C. W. Schaeffer, D.D., W. M. Reynolds, D.D., and H. H. Muhlenberg, M.D., be appointed to communicate the above resolution to the General Synod."

GENERAL SYNOD'S ENDORSEMENT OBTAINED.

The foregoing propositions to the General Synod were adopted by the Society, Wednesday evening, May 18, 1857. On the following Friday afternoon, they were presented to the General Synod, and the history is best given in *verbatim* extracts from the Minutes:

"A communication was presented by Rev. Dr. C. W. Schaeffer from the Lutheran Publication Society, which was read, and the following resolution adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the *General Synod expresses its approbation of the objects contemplated by the Lutheran Publication Society*, and that a Committee of three be appointed to report in what manner this Synod shall be officially represented in the Board of Publication. Committee, W. D. Strobel, D. D., A. H. Lochman, D. D., and S. S. Schmucker, D. D."

On the following Tuesday, May 19, the above Committee reported as follows:

"The Committee appointed to recommend the proper action in relation to the Publication Society, report, that after the action of our last Convention, the subsequent response of the Society in its last report, and the resolution passed by us yesterday, nothing more seems to be necessary, than that the Society agree to an arrangement, by which this Synod shall, at each of its stated meetings, elect, by ballot, two members of the Board of Publication, who shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Publication Committee, to whom all books and pamphlets intended for publication shall be submitted for examination, and whose consent shall be necessary to their publication. To facilitate your action we recommend on the present occasion, the selection of Rev. C. A. Hay and Rev. G. F. Krotel." (Signed by the Committee.)

Synod then proceeded to elect by ballot two members of the Board of Publication, and Rev. C. A. Hay and Rev. G. F. Krotel were elected.

These proceedings in Synod took place in the *afternoon*. On the *evening* of the same day the Society held an adjourned meeting, when it was "*Resolved, That the Society accede to the terms proposed*, and that Rev. W. M. Baum be appointed to communicate the decision to the General Synod,"—which was done by Mr. Baum, as requested.

REJOICING IN THE BOARD OVER THE GENERAL SYNOD'S OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT.

The *new* Executive Committee, constituting the official *Board* of Publication, held its first meeting on Tuesday morning, May 26, 1857, *six days* after the adjournment of the General Synod held at Reading. Among the business transacted at this meeting of the Board was the following:

"A Committee having been appointed to present the Constitution of the Publication Society to the General Synod, convened in the city of Reading, for its approval, that document was accordingly read, and received the sanction of that body. Rev. C. A. Hay and Rev. G. F. Krotel were regularly elected by ballot to represent the General Synod in the Board of Publication. The Board, therefore, now consists of twenty-six members. Your Committee take pleasure in announcing that the Publication Board *has now the official*

sanction of the General Synod. Looking forward to a future, not only widely extended in point of usefulness, but also comparatively free from the difficulties that of necessity attend a new enterprise, we congratulate the Board on the prospect of harmony and success that await our future operations, and would urge them to increased action in behalf of the Lutheran Church in America." Signed, B. KELLER, E. W. HUTTER, LEWIS L. HOUPT, JOHN C. BAKER.

REASONS FOR THIS HISTORICAL SKETCH.

We have been thus minute in our details of the history of the Publication Society, for the reason that efforts have been made, through editorials and communications, printed in the *Lutheran and Missionary*, to make it appear that this Society has had no *Synodical* origin, whereas it is undeniable, that the first formal organization of it was made by a call from the *East Pennsylvania Synod*, urged thereto by the Susquehanna Conference, in connection with that Synod. So, indeed, it is explicitly declared in the first sentence of the official minutes, in the words following: "A Convention, *called by the, East Pennsylvania Synod*, with a view of organizing a Lutheran Translation, and Publication Society, was held," &c. Had this record contained a historical inaccuracy, it would have been corrected at the next meeting of the Board, whereas it was confirmed.

WHO PROPOSED UNION WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD?

From this narrative it appears, that every effort made in the Board to seek a formal connection with the General Synod, emanated from those who are now opposing such connection as fraudulent and unjust. To effect such a union, the Rev. Dr. Mann even openly planted the Board on a Doctrinal Basis almost literally identical with that of the General Synod, and the Society itself, at Reading formally adopted the General Synod's Doctrinal Basis as *its own*, and incorporated the same in its fundametal law. Where we now stand, therefore, as a Board, doctrinally and in our relations to the General Synod, *our assailants themselves placed us*, and why complain of *their own* work?

DEPOSITORY PURCHASED.

The premises now owned and occupied as a Depository, No. 42 North Ninth Street, were purchased in the month of April, 1859.

REV. B. KELLER'S SERVICES.

Father Keller continued to serve as General Agent up to the month of April, 1862, when, by reason of advanced age and exhausted strength, he tendered his resignation. It was not, however, accepted, and he was continued in office to the time of his death, but relieved from the burden of its active duties, retaining the affectionate attachment of every member of the Board, together with a lively appreciation of his arduous and self-denying labors. He was succeeded by Rev. P. Willard, who served the Board in the capacity of General Agent, up to March 1, 1868, likewise with laborious and untiring zeal.

WHERE THE FUNDS WERE COLLECTED.

Since the meeting at Fort Wayne, it has been published to the world, with

reiterated emphasis, that by far the largest proportion of the moneys collected for this Society had been obtained from the Pennsylvania Synod, thereby implying, that to this Synod, of right, belong prerogatives not enjoyed by sister Synods. To this we deem it a sufficient answer to state, that no collections whatever were made by either of our General Agents *synodically;* but all of them, so far as we are advised, were received from *individuals as such*, and not as belonging to any particular Synod. Furthermore, if such a discrimination be allowed, it is an admitted fact, that *all* the Synods, in whose churches and from whose members collections were made, *belonged to the General Synod*, and that without the General Synod's churches not any collections were made that were made.

Nevertheless, to test the accuracy of the publications referred to, we have requested Rev. Mr. Willard, the late General Agent, to compile from the official Books a statement of all the subscriptions, and the amounts paid in, classified *synodically*, which he has done, and he reports the following result:

	Total subscriptions.	*Total paid in.*
Synod of Pennsylvania	$6,145 00	$5,878 95
Synod of East Pennsylvania	10,521 34	7,827 50
Synod of West Pennsylvania	5,785 70	4,340 75
Synod of Central Pennsylvania	4,610 56	2,809 35
Allegheny Synod	2,052 85	1,493 95
Pittsburg Synod	1,415 25	1,250 00
Synod of Maryland	2,447 58	2,169 57
Melanchthon Synod	1,223 50	571 05
Synod of New Jersey	908 30	523 30
New York Ministerium	121 50	121 50
Virginia Synod	211 00	202 00
Miami Synod	250 00	250 00
Wittenberg Synod	131 25	112 75
Totals	$35,823 83	$27,650 67

Intending no disrespect, certainly, to the venerable mother Synod, but simply in vindication of the truth of history, these figures show, that less than one-fifth of the moneys given to the Publication Society were collected in the Pennsylvania Synod, and that, both as to subscriptions and amounts paid, she is considerably behind the East Pennsylvania Synod. Gladly would we have avoided this comparison. It has been extorted by comparisons not in accordance with facts—comparisons, we have the charity to believe, not made with any *intent* to deceive, but rather from a disinclination to investigate, perhaps from not having access to proper sources of information. "He that is first in his own cause, seemeth just, but his neighbor cometh and searcheth him." (Proverbs xviii. 17.)

SYNODICAL APPORTIONMENT OF THE BOARD.

The *synodical* division of the Board, by the Society, at Fort Wayne, is also made the subject of complaint. It is alleged that an unequal representation was given to the Pennsylvania Synod. To this result no one contributed so

largely as the complainants themselves. With a pre-determined purpose to destroy the General Synod, with which, nine years before, they had placed the Society in connection, and on whose Doctrinal Basis they had twice planted it, was it reasonable to expect that the Society, composed largely of the friends of the General Synod, would complacently relinquish its affairs into the hands of its enemies? Besides, a portion of the Board refused to serve any longer in this capacity, although entreated to continue in their places. *Nullus commodiam capere potest de pena sua propria,* (no one can take advantage of his own wrong,) is one of the oldest and most approved maxims of the common law. If these brethren, ever treated in and by the Board with courtesy and respect, and called to its chief honors, had remained in and with it, it is fair to believe every just and equitable claim would have been freely accorded to them. They chose, however, to withdraw from the Board, for no better reason than that circumstances had placed them in a minority. Arduous and difficult as the duties devolved on the Board had always been, made painfully more so to those that remained at their posts, by the voluntary withdrawal of their late esteemed colleagues, with whom they had long taken counsel together, and walked in company, these responsibilities had, nevertheless, to be met and discharged as best they could be. Or did the withdrawing brethren expect that the rest also would go out, and thus leave the Society, established at so much cost, to die *felo de se,* and be buried, "without the benefit of clergy"?

But why complain of inequality of representation, when it is a fact that no clause of the Society's Constitution, By-laws, or other enactment, had ever contemplated any apportionment of the membership *synodically.* The Synod of Central Pennsylvania contributed $2,800 to the Society's treasury, and has not a single representative in the Board. The Synod of Maryland gave $2,169 to the fund, but was given no representative. The Alleghany Synod gave $1,493, and she has none. The Melanchthon Synod gave $1,194, and yet has none. Here are four Synods, all noted for their attachment to the General Synod, who, unitedly, have paid into the treasury of the Publication Society $7,185, and yet to neither of these Synods was there any representation given at Fort Wayne. Whereas, to the Pennsylvania Synod, contributing much more than a thousand dollars *less,* FIVE representatives were given. If any Synods, *as such,* would have reason to complain, it would be the four Synods above referred to.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS.

Another complaint is, that the Board defrays the *travelling* expenses of those of its members who reside at a distance from the place of meeting. This fault, if fault it be, must likewise be shared by the complainants. Their withdrawal from the Board created a necessity for filling their places with *new* members. The Society, deeming it right and proper that the Board be not composed exclusively of residents of Philadelphia, selected a larger portion than formerly from the country. As a quorum of members could no longer be depended on from the city, in order to insure a fuller attendance, the Board deemed it reasonable and just that the travelling expenses of the *country* members, to and fro, be defrayed out of the funds of

the Society. These expenses, all told, during the two years' service, have amounted to between *fifty and sixty dollars—about thirty dollars per annum.* Other Publication Boards employ each a Secretary at a high salary to do the work which the officers of this Board render gratuitously, and we hold that it is paying a poor compliment to the sense of equity and right that characterizes the membership of our Church to suppose that this just line of treatment by the Board of its *country* members—most of them ministers in humble circumstances—can be successfully employed to excite against it opposition and prejudice.

EVIEW OF THE PAST.

We have thus far confined ourselves mainly to a historical narrative, derived from the *official* records, of the origin and progress of the Publication Society, and to a refutation—in the estimation of most of the Board, too long delayed—of the accusations made against it. A careful review of the past leads us, in no pharisaical spirit, but in sheerest self-defence, to affirm that the Board has "not done anything worthy of stripes," but that, whilst subject to all the frailties and liable to all the mistakes incident to our common humanity, our record, from first to last, may safely challenge the closest scrutiny of all who may choose to make it.

PRESENT EFFICIENCY OF THE BOARD.

Whilst it is admitted that, owing to various causes, existing from the beginning, the expectations of the founders of the Publication Society have not been fully realized, we religiously affirm that this want of complete success does not date, as some would fain have the Church believe, from the time of the withdrawal of our former co-laborers after the proceedings at Fort Wayne. The real state of the case is, that the Board, *by reason of inadequacy of means*, never has been in a position to make extraordinary achievements in the consummation of the noble purposes contemplated. Since the last meeting at Fort Wayne, notwithstanding our inheritance of financial embarrassment, and notwithstanding the painful alienations resulting from a divided Church, with other antagonisms, against which we have been compelled to struggle, we have issued from the press, and circulated, *The Mission Work of Pastor Harms*, and the *Ascent of Mount Ararat*, two edifying works by Dr. Greenwald, and *Conversion of Captain Sees*, by Rev. Dr. Hay; and a plan has been matured, and sundry subscriptions secured, for the issue of a series of *Sunday-school books.* And, within the last week or two, we have issued from the press, and are now offering for sale, *The First American Edition of* LUTHER'S TABLE-TALK, *reprinted from Bohn's English edition, translated and edited by William Hazlitt*, in every sense a remarkable book, that has received the unqualified commendation of the best English critics. We likewise furnish to the Church "*The Life of* GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS, the renowned *Defender of the Faith*, translated from the French of L. Abelous, by Prof. L. W. HEYDENREICH, a beloved minister of our own Church, formerly of Philadelphia, Pa., but who has recently taken charge of a Classical School at Wilmington, N. C. Both these works are printed on a superior quality of paper, with clear and readable letter, and the binding and entire artistic finish are not surpassed, we think, by any American publications. These works, we ex-

pect, will find their way into every Lutheran Sunday-school and Lutheran household in America. In addition to all this, THE LUTHERAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL HERALD, so satisfactorily edited by Rev. M. Sheeleigh, is still published under our auspices, and commends itself to the patronage of all our Sunday-schools.

OUR LOCAL AGENT.

In this connection, we refer with pleasure to the Board's good fortune in having secured, as its Local Agent, so trustworthy and confiding a gentleman, so qualified and experienced a business man, as J. K. SHRYOCK, Esq., of Chambersburg. Under his careful and judicious management of its affairs, we have every reason to believe that former mistakes will be corrected, former pecuniary losses prevented, former complaints in keeping the accounts guarded against, and the entire business of the store be so conducted as to render full satisfaction to the patrons of the Board, and insure a higher degree of prosperity to itself. Not disguising our regrets that we have had so many trials to encounter, so many difficulties to overcome, in humble reliance on the kind guardianship of the Great Head of the Church, and the generous patronage and good-will of the Church itself, we "*thank God and take courage.*" By order of the Board,

E. W. HUTTER,
Cor. Sec'y.

Philadelphia, May 10, 1868.

THANKS FOR REPORT—TO BE ISSUED IN "LUTHERAN OBSERVER."

The following was passed in regard to the above report:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be extended to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, for his able and satisfactory Report, and that it be published in the *Lutheran Observer*.

A committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. S. A. Holman, M. Sheeleigh, E. W. Hutter, C. A. Hay, and J. H. Heck, was appointed to nominate officers for the Society. The Committee reported the following, which were accepted by a vote of the Society:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President,
HON. C. KUGLER.

Secretary,
REV. P. RABY.

Board of Publication,

REV. T. STORK, D.D.,
" E. W. HUTTER, D.D.,
" L. E. ALBERT, D.D.,
" M. SHEELEIGH,
" P. WILLARD,
REV. P. RABY,
" G. F. STELLING,
" S. SENTMAN,
" N. H. CORNELL,
" W. V. GOTWALD,

Rev. J. HECK,
" F. W. CONRAD, D.D.,
" S. S. SCHMUCKER, D.D.,
" A. C. WEDEKIND, D.D.,
" G. SILL,
" S. A. HOLMAN,
" J. R. DIMM,
Rev. C. A. STORK,
Hon. C. KUGLER,
I. SULGER, Esq.,
Mr. CARMANY,
" F. V. BEISEL,
" G. P. OCKERSHAUSEN,
" J. J. COCHRAN.

TO PRINT LIST OF LIFE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS.

The following was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the officers of the Board be requested to prepare a correct list of all the Life Members and Life Directors of the Publication Society, and insert it in the proceedings of the Society, and also in the Catalogue.

LIST OF LIFE DIRECTORS.

Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, Allentown, Pa.
Rev. J. Shindel, Oreville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Rev. B. Keller, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. W. M. Baum, D.D., Barren Hill, Pa.
Wm. Freas, Barren Hill, Pa.
Henry S. Witmer, Marble Hall, Pa.
Daniel Yearkel, Chestnut Hill, Pa.
Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, Germantown, Pa.
Herman Haupt, Germantown, Phila., Pa.
Rev. T. Stork, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
J. Anspach, " "
W. F. Leach, " "
Rev. E. W. Hutter, D.D., " "
Davis Pearson, " "
Mary Reeside, St. Matthew's Ch., Phila.
Hon. P.S. Michler, Christ Ch., Easton, Pa.
John Wunderlich, Shippensburg, Pa.
Conrad Keiner, " "
George Beltzhoover, New Kingston, Pa.
M.G.Beltzhoover, Churchtown, Cumb'd Co.
J. Beltzhoover, Churchtown, Cumb'd Co.
J. H. Van Hoff, Cumberland Co., Pa.
George Shryock, Gettysburg, Pa.
Andrew Polly, " "
Rev. W. J. Mann, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Emily Verin, " "
George K. Zigler, " "
Jacob Roedel, Lebanon, Pa.
John George, " "
Rev. F.W. Geissenhainer, D.D., New York.
F. W. Geissenhainer, Jr., New York, N. Y.
John Hursh, Shamokin, Pa.
Mary Hursh, " "
Rev. C. P. Krauth, D.D., Pittsburg, Pa.
W. S. Haven, " "
Newmyer & Graeff, " "
George Black, " "
Edward Rahm, " "
—— Marburg, Johnstown, Pa.
George H. Krug, Lancaster, Pa.
F. W. Muhlenberg, Lancaster, Pa.
Ann C. Witmer, " "
John Loats, Frederick, Md.
W. B. Baker, " "
H. H. Muhlenberg, M.D., Reading, Pa.
E. J. Deininger, " "
R. M. Nicolls, " "
Hon. Horatio Trexler, " "
John D. Becker, Baltimore, Md.
Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Charles H. Baker, " "
Mortimer Lewis, " "
Dorothea Poppel, " "
W. L. Shaeffer, " "
Wm. Musser, " "
Mrs. E. Heyl, " "
Jas. Jones, " "
Mrs. Eliza Lewis, " "
S. W. Lewis, " "
Paul Peter Keller, " "
Joseph Diver, " "
D. Wolfenstine, " "
Mrs. G. W. Riter, " "
Charles Neff, " "
Wm. Warner, Jr., " "
Samuel Baugh, " "
Mrs. A. M. Straup, " "
Joseph Esherick, " "
Andrew Fie, Barren Hill, Montg. Co., Pa.
Miss Eliz'th Lentz, " " " "
Catharine Ashmead, Germantown, Pa.
George Ashmead, " "
Rev. J. Ulrich, Shippensburg, Cumb'd Co.
Samuel Gonel, Green Village, " "
Lewis L. Houpt, Philadelphia, Pa.
C. F. Norton, " "
Mrs. A. V. Murphy, " "
Saml. Friedly, M.D., " "
M. W. Baldwin, " "
Jacob Fisher, " "

John A. Lewis, Philadelphia, Pa.
A. M. Seltzer, " "
W. W. Kurtz, " "
C. P. Bower, " "
D. Gilbert, M.D., " "
S. H. Bush, St. Matthew's Ch., Philada.
John F. Jacoby, " "
James Rimby, " "
Martin Buehler, " "
Rev. John W. Hassler, Centre Square, Pa.
Henry B. Ashmead, Philadelphia, Pa.
C. Smith, St. Mark's, " "
Rev. E. Greenwald, D.D., Easton, Pa.
Anthony Shry, Easton, Pa.
John Eyerman, " "
Rev.J.K.Plitt,StillValley,WarrenCo.,N.J.
John Sterner, " " "
Paul Feit, " " "
Rev. Jacob Fry, Carlisle, Pa.
Peter Gantz, Cumberland Co., Pa.
H. G. Moser, " "
Lewis Bricker, Mechanicsburg, Pa..
Wm. Hinser, New Holland, Lan. Co., Pa.
John Tritle, Grindstone Hill, Cumb'd Co.
Rev. E. Breidenbaugh, Greencastle, Pa.
Michael Bushey, " "
Samuel Weaver, Gettysburg, Pa.
Conrad Snyder, " "
Prof. S. S. Schmucker, D.D., Gettysburg.
G. A. Mauzel, Philadelphia, Pa.
C. F. Lipp, " "
Joseph Smith, New Germantown, N. J.
Mrs. Hannah Brown, Lewisburg, Pa.
John Kling, Lewisburg, Pa.
John Rishel, Dreisbaugh, Union Co., Pa.
Rev.J.Albert, Mt. Bethel, North'n Co., Pa.
Abraham Shimer, " " "
Rev. C. A.Wedekind, D.D., Lebanon, Pa.
C. Tieljen, New York, N. Y.
George Weyman, Pittsburg, Pa.
F. Beckstein, New York, N. Y.
Mrs. E. Graff, Pittsburg, Pa.
Rev.W.A. Passavant, D.D., Pittsburg, Pa.
C. Yeager, " "
C. Wagefarth, " "
F. M. Faas, " "
Rev. W. F. Ulery Greensburg, Pa.
John Rulmser, " "
Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.
George D. Sprecher, " "
J. W. Hubley, " "
Lewis Sprecher, " "
John Dager, White Marsh, Pa.
Adam Hark, Greensburg, Pa.
John Erdman, Leechburg, "
John Haltzer, Manor Church, Pa.
Rev. W. F. Eyer, Catawissa, Pa.
Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, Reading, Pa.
Rev. F. A. M. Keller, " "
John Rauzer, Mechanicstown, Md.
John Rayor, Williamsburg, Pa.
Philip Lehr and Sister, York, Pa.
C. A. Morris, York, Pa.
Joseph Lennig, Germantown, Pa.
Geo. A. Reichert, " "
Elias Oberholtzer, Lionville, Chester Co.
Wm. Bell, Altoona, Pa.
Elizabeth Schwartz, Catasauqua, Pa.
Jesse Wolf, Williamsburg, Pa.
Charles Weiser, York, Pa.
Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D., Germantown, Pa.
Edward M. Lewis, " "
Mrs. Eliza Stoner, " "
Wm. Green, " "
James Young, Middletown, Md.
Alex. Kenny, Lionville, Chester Co., Pa.
Mrs. Eliza Gast, Pikeland, " "
Charles Schmucker, Muncy, Pa.
George P. Camp, Turbotville, "
S. Rumbel, St. Paul's, Catawissa Valley.
Rev. W. G. Laitzle, Elizabethtown, Pa.
" M. L. Culler, Jefferson, Md.
" C. A. Fetzer, Lykenstown, Pa.
" F.A.Walz, St.John's, Lyken's Val'y.
" B. W. Schmauk, Lebanon, Pa.
" J. R. Sikes, Ashland, "
" G. F. Miller, Pottstown, Pa.
" J. R. Dimm, Bloomsburg, Pa.
" Elias Henry, Pinegrove, "
" L. T. Williams, Taneytown, Md.
F. Aurand, McAllisterville, Pa.
Rev. M. L. Shindel, " "
Rev. Wm. Gerhart, Jonestown, Pa.
Christian Hauck, St. Paul's, Northampton Co., Pa.
Mrs. J. I. Burrell, St. Paul's, Northampton Co., Pa.
Edward Felber, Baltimore, Md.
George L. Seltzer, Myerstown, Pa.
Rev. W. L. Heisler, Jersey Shore, Pa.
John Stoever, " "
Wm. Welshaus, " "
Samuel Buffington, " "
Rev. J. P. Shindel, Middleburg, Pa.
Rev. J. M. Steck, Belleville, Pa.
Michael Cressman, Mt. Bethel, Northampton Co., Pa.
Peter Uhler, Riegelsville, Pa.
John Wieder, " "
Rev. T. Heilig, " "
J. S. Wilder, " "
Rev. H. Seifert, Bossardsville,Monroe Co.
D. W. Smith, Paradise, Montour Co., Pa.
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COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

On motion, the proposed amendments were taken up, and, after considerable discussion, both the series of the Society and that of the Board were referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. Hay, Schmucker, and Hutter.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. C. A. Hay.

ANNIVERSARY.

At 7½ o'clock, P. M., the Publication Society reassembled, to celebrate its anniversary, Hon. C. Kugler in the chair. The exercises were opened with music by the choir, and with prayer by Rev. R. A. Fink.

ADDRESSES.

Appropriate and effective addresses were then delivered by Dr. F. W. Conrad, Dr. T. Stork, and others.

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The audience responded in a truly practical way, by making the following Life Members and Life Directors of the Society.

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Basket collection, $25.82.

Whole amount contributed, $513.82,

PLEDGES FOR PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

Pledges, to the amount of about $1,000, for the purchase of books from the Society, at an early date, were given by a number of brethren, for various Sunday-schools and congregations.

This was the most interesting and encouraging anniversary of the Publication Society ever held.

The meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, P. M., May 12th.

An adjourned meeting was held May 12th, at 5 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Heck.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The committee to whom were referred the proposed Constitutional amendments, presented the following report:

TO THE LUTHERAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY:

The undersigned committee, to whom have been submitted for inspection, and to report back to the Society, in a systematized form, the various amendments proposed to the Constitution of the Society,—one series offered at its meeting held at Fort Wayne, and the other series proposed by the Lutheran Board of Publication, both of which have been published in the Church papers, in compliance with the XIth Article of the Constitution,—beg leave to report, that they have examined said several series of amendments, and present the following as the result of their deliberations:

First, we hold that it would not comport with a just interpretation of the Constitution, to make any amendments to the same, of which due and specific notice, as required by the XIth Article, has not been given.

We suggest, therefore, the adoption of the amendments proposed by the Board of Publication, which are as follows:

ART. III. (Amendment at Pittsburg, Pa., May 19, 1859). The first sentence to be amended so as to read: "The Society shall hold its *stated* meetings at the time and place of the meeting of every General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States, when there shall be elected a President and Secretary. At the same time," &c.

ART. IV. The last cause of the first paragraph, beginning with the words, "said colporteurs to be appointed," etc., to be changed so as to read: "Said colporteurs to be appointed by such Synods, subject to the confirmation of the Board of Publication."

ART. V. Omit the first paragraph, and insert the following: "The Board of Publication shall have power to elect its own officers, viz.: A President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall at the same time be the Treasurer of the Society."

"The Corresponding Secretary may, also, be appointed by the Board as Book Editor, and have such other stated duties assigned him in the By-Laws, as the Board may deem conducive to the interests of the Society."

In the second paragraph omit the words, "occurring during the year," so as to read: "The Board shall have power to enact its own By-Laws, to fill vacancies, to provide," &c.

ART. VII. In the first paragraph strike out the word *shall* and insert the word *may*, so as to read: "The Society *may* hold anniversary meetings," &c.

To this article the Society at Fort Wayne proposed the following amendment. We recommend its adoption.

Add as a closing paragraph: "*But no other business shall be transacted at the Anniversary meetings, except such as relates to the anniversaries themselves, or resolutions and efforts to raise funds, or to recommend any measures to the Board, or to the stated meetings of the Society.*"

ART. XI. For the words "*an annual,*" substitute "*any stated,*" and at the close add "*connected with the General Synod,*" so as to read: "This Constitution may be amended, in any of its provisions, by the concurrence of a majority of the members present at any stated meeting, provided one month's notice be given in the Church papers connected with the General Synod."

ART. X. is proposed by the Society, met at Fort Wayne, to be amended by adding to the end of it the words: "*But shall have no vote.*" We recommend its adoption.

The above report contains all the amendments proposed by the Board of Publication, with some additions proposed by the Society at Fort Wayne. The other amendments proposed by the latter, we present as a whole to the consideration of the Society. We give it as our opinion that the additional amendments proposed at Fort Wayne will be unnecessary after the adoption of the above.

E. W. HUTTER,
S. S. SCHMUCKER,
CHARLES A. HAY.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED.

The report was taken up *seriatim*, discussed, and adopted.

OTHER AMENDMENTS POSTPONED.

The remaining amendments proposed at Fort Wayne being superseded by those presented by the Board, they were indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. A. C. Wedekind, to meet again as provided in the Constitution.

P. RABY,
Sec'y of Pub. Soc'y.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PUBLICATION SOCIETY

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

(*As Amended.*)

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—The name, style and title of this Society shall be, "THE LUTHERAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY."

ARTICLE II.—This Society, assuming the doctrinal basis of the General Synod, shall have for its object the diffusion of religious knowledge, by means of translations and original productions, and thus to furnish and circulate a suitable literature for the Church.

ARTICLE III.—The Society shall hold its stated meetings at the time and place of the meeting of every General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States, when there shall be elected a President and Secretary. At the same time the Society shall elect a Board of Publication, to hold its meetings in Philadelphia, and to be composed of twenty-four members, all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and two-thirds of whom shall be within such a distance of Philadelphia as to be able to attend the meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE IV.—Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod in connection with the General Synod of the United States, is recommended to establish depositories within its boundaries, and to circulate the publications of the Board, either by colporteurs or otherwise; said colporteurs to be appointed by such Synods, subject to the confirmation of the Board of Publication.

The President of any such Synodical organization to be *ex-officio* Vice-President of the Publication Society, and shall be expected to pay into the Treasurer's hands, at each annual meeting, whatever money may have been collected during the year; and shall, at the same time, receive from him the amount requisite to pay the salaries of the colporteurs and others employed.

ARTICLE V.—The Board of Publication shall have power to elect its own officers, viz.: a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall at the same time be Treasurer of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary may also be appointed by the Board as Book Editor, and have such other stated duties assigned him in the By-Laws as the Board may deem conducive to the interests of the Society.

The Board shall have power to enact its own By-Laws, to fill vacancies, to provide for the publication of books and tracts, and to print and circulate appeals to the Church in behalf of the benevolent objects of this Society.

ARTICLE VI.—The Board shall have power, whenever the funds of the Society will justify it, to establish a publication house or depository, in some suitable location in Philadelphia, where our books, tracts, pamphlets, periodicals, and all kinds of stationery may be kept for sale; the profits of which sales to be appropriated towards the support of the Education and Missionary Societies of the Church.

ARTICLE VII.—The Society may hold Anniversary meetings, the time when, and place where, to be previously designated by the Board.

At these meetings, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board shall make a detailed report of the operations of the Society during the past year, showing its present condition and future prospects. But no business shall be transacted at the Anniversary meetings, except such as relates to the Anniversaries themselves, or resolutions and efforts to raise funds, or to recommend any measures to the Board or the stated meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.—Any Lutheran minister or layman shall be considered a member of this Society by paying *one* dollar annually.

ARTICLE IX.—The payment of twenty dollars, or more, in one year, shall constitute the person so paying, a Life Director, and the payment of ten dollars, a Life Member.

ARTICLE X.—Each Life Director shall be entitled to Publications to the amount of two dollars, and each Life Member to the amount of one dollar, annually, if called for within the year. The award of books and publications shall not be extended to those who may become Life Members and Directors after the 1st of June, 1859. Each Life Member shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the meetings of the Society, and each Life Director shall be entitled to a seat in the meetings of the Board, and to take an active part in its proceedings, but not to have a vote.

ARTICLE XI.—This Constitution may be amended in any of its provisions, by the concurrence of a majority of the members present at any stated meeting, provided one month's notice be given in the church papers connected with the General Synod.

BY-LAWS.

1. Nine members shall constitute a quorum.

2. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held monthly, and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President or Corresponding Secretary.

4. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all moneys received and expended, report the same at each regular meeting of the Board, and submit a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements at each annual meeting, or oftener if required.

He shall be expected to give such security as the Board may require, for the faithful performance of his trust.

5. The General Agent shall collect funds for the establishment of the Publishing House and to enable the Society to carry on its operations; he shal have the appointment of the sub-agents and colporteurs, and by the consent of the Board shall select some suitable person to take charge of the depository over which he shall exercise a general control: the salaries of such persons employed to be fixed by the Board.

The General Agent shall pay over, from time to time, to the Treasurer, all moneys he has collected by subscription, or from colporteurs or others, who shall be responsible to him alone: and he shall be expected to make a general report quarterly to the Board, of his collections, and matters of interest coming under his notice.

6. There shall be three or more standing committees appointed at each annual meeting of the Board, viz.: a Publication Committee of seven, an Editing Committee of three, and a Financial Committee of three, who shall meet as often as necessary, and report monthly to the Board concerning all matters that have been brought before them.

The Publishing Committee shall act in concurrence with the Financial Committee; shall have power to decide upon and publish, if the funds of the Society warrant it, all works, original or translated, or selected, presented to it for publication; and no work shall be published by this association to which any one of the committee shall object; and also to make arrangements and contracts for their publication and circulation. And in case they may consider any book unworthy of publication, they shall report the same to the Board, with their reasons, that final decision in regard to it may be then made.

The Editing Committee shall take special charge of the periodicals of the Society, and see that they are published and circulated in proper time and shape, and also that the publications of the Board be properly advertised.

The Treasurer of the Society shall be the Chairman of the Financial Committee, who shall attend to the investment of the funds of the Society, and to such other duties as may devolve upon them.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

WEDNESDAY MAY 14th, 1868.

The Historical Society was called to order by Rev. Dr. J. G. Morris.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

A committee was appointed to nominate persons for the several offices, upon whose report the following were pronounced chosen:

President,

REV. PROF. S. S. SCHMUCKER, D.D.

Vice Presidents,

REV. J. G. MORRIS, D.D., REV. H. N. POHLMAN, D.D.

Corresponding Secretary,

REV. PROF. C. A. HAY, D.D.

Recording Secretary,

REV. J. G. BUTLER.

Treasurer,

DAVID A. BUEHLER, ESQ.

Curator,

REV. PROF. M. VALENTINE, D.D.

SPEAKER FOR NEXT MEETING.

Rev. Dr. H. N. Pohlman was excused as orator for the present year, and elected for next year, with Rev. Dr. J. G. Morris as his alternate.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR.

The biennial report of the Curator, Rev. Dr. M. Valentine, was read by Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown, and adopted.

The undersigned, as Curator of the Historical Society, respectfully reports:

That, since its last meeting, one hundred and eighty-one contributions have been made to the Society's Library and collection, as follows:

I. Bound Volumes.

1. New Bible Dictionary, by Rev. H. Malcom, D.D. Presented by the author.

2. German Liturgy of the Synod of Pennsylvania, 1818. Presented by Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

3. Die Wiedervereinigung der Lutheraner und Reformirten, 1826. Presented by Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

4. A Manual of Prayers for Families, by James Shults, of Palatine, (Albany, 1835); from the author.

5. Memorial Volume of the Semi-centennial Anniversary of Hartwick Seminary, presented by J. Munsell, Esq.

6. Hymns for the Evangelical Lutheran Church, by authority of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. Presented by Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

7. Kurtzgefaszte Geschichte der Christlichen Kirche auf der Grundlage des vortrefflichen Busch'en Werks, von S. S. Schmucker, D.D. Gettysburg, 1834. Presented by the author.

II. Pamphlets. An addition of 151 has been made to our catalogue of pamphlets. Of these 97 are Minutes of Various Synods and Conventions of our Church; 16 are sermons and addresses. The rest are documents of different kinds, many of which, as well as the Minutes and Addresses, are of considerable historical interest and value. For the largest part of these pamphlets, the Society is indebted to Rev. M. Sheeleigh, and Prof. M. L. Stoever, whose steady and active interest in the increase of our collection deserves special mention.

III. Manuscripts.—But a single manuscript has been placed in our Library since last report. A sermon, entitled "the Memorial of the Righteous," preached on the death of Rev. Daniel Garver, at Greensburg, Pa., November, 1865, by Rev. L. M. Kuhns. Presented by the author.

IV. Miscellaneous.—Twenty-two additions have been made to this department, among which is a number of papers connected with the present Jubilee celebration of the Reformation, a large engraved portrait of Dr. C. Philip Krauth, presented by Prof. Stoever, and a card photograph of the Tabernacle of the Lutheran Mission, Kansas City, from the missionary, Rev. A. W. Wagenhals.

These contributions to the Society's Library, it must be confessed, are much fewer than ought to have been received. There seems to be great indifference, on the part of most of our ministers, to this matter. Few of them either forward their own publications, or collect and contribute the works of others. Some time in the winter the Curator called the attention of the Church to this subject, through the *Lutheran Observer*. A response was made

on the part of only a few. Every year books and pamphlets are published in our Church, that ought to be placed in our Library; and the designs of the Society would be greatly promoted could the authors or publishers be induced to present a copy of each. To those who have contributed the books and papers now acknowledged, the Curator desires, in the name of the Society, to return sincere thanks.

The authority given at the last meeting, to have pamphlets on hand bound, and to apply any funds in the Treasury for the improvement of the Library, has not been used. The Curator did not find convenient time for a proper examination and arrangement of the papers not yet bound, and felt, further, that as various Minutes and Pamphlets were still being received, a better arrangement of the matter into volumes could be made at a little later period. It is desirable, however, that the authority given at the last meeting should be renewed at this. Respectfully submitted,

M. VALENTINE,
Curator.

The Society adjourned.

J. G. BUTLER,
Sec'y of Historical Society.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ART. I.—*Of the Name and Object.*

SECTION 1. This Association shall be styled "*The Historical Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America.*"

SEC. 2. The object of this Society shall be to make a collection of the published writings of Lutheran Ministers and Laymen in America, whether original or translated; to procure, as far as possible, the Minutes of all the Synods from their organization, the printed proceedings of all special Conferences, Church Councils, and other Ecclesiastical Conventions, together with regular files of the periodicals, published under the patronage of our Church; decisions in Chancery, charters of corporate institutions, constitutions of individual Churches, legal reports relating to Church property, and in general, to collect all publications, manuscripts and facts, that tend to throw light on the history of the Lutheran Church in this country.

ART. II.—*Of the Officers and their Duties.*

SEC. 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Curator, and one or two Receivers in every Synod.

SEC. 2. The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, shall be such as are usually performed by such officers.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to confer with those persons who have Lutheran books, pamphlets, &c., in their possession; and keep up a correspondence with the *Receivers* in the different Synods, for the purpose of attaining the ends of this Society. He shall give public notice of the meetings of the Society from time to time, and make an acknowledgment of all donations of books and moneys through the papers of the Church.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Curator to obtain, at the expense of the Society, a book-case with lock and key, and carefully deposit therein the publications of the Society, after they are recorded in a book kept for that purpose, with the name of the donor. He shall also report at every meeting of the Society the condition of the Library, and the additions, since the last report, with the names of the donors.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Receivers to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary in making collections of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, &c., which are to be found in their respective Synods or which may appear from time to time.

SEC. 6. The elections for officers shall be held at the regular meetings of this Society, at the time and place hereafter specified.

ART. III.—*Relating to the Library.*

SEC. 1. The Library of this Association shall be kept in the Library room of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and shall always be open to the inspection of members, without permission of the resident Curator, and to all other respectable persons, on application to the Curator or any resident member.

SEC. 2. No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or other document belonging to this Society shall be removed from the Library room, except by permission of all the resident members, and in addition, when the article, thus taken out, is designed to be used by a person residing out of Gettysburg, a written acknowledgment that he has the book, and an obligation to return it in good order, within a specified time, shall be required of him by the Curator.

SEC. 3. Should this Society for any reason be dissolved, its books and manuscripts shall not be distributed among its members, but shall always remain in the place above specified, in care of the Librarian of the Seminary, for the use of any Lutheran, subject to the regulations above.

ART. IV.—*Relating to Members.*

SEC. 1. Any person interested in the objects of this Society, may become a regular member by the nomination of any of the officers, and a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at any regular meeting. Honorary members may be elected in the same manner.

SEC. 2. Every regular member of this Society shall pay into the Treasury the sum of fifty cents, immediately after his election.

ART. V.—*Time of Meeting, &c.*

The regular meetings of this Society shall be held at the place and time of the meetings of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church.

ART. VI.

This Constitution may be altered or amended, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at any regular meeting of the Society.

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OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD.

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Speaker for Historical Society:—Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D.; Alternate, Rev. J. G. Morris, D.D.

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